

By: Representative Arinder

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MRS. ANNIE
2 CRUDUP-WARD LOWERY UPON BEING NAMED AMONG MISSISSIPPI'S FIFTY
3 LEADING BUSINESS WOMEN BY THE *MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS JOURNAL*.

4 WHEREAS, in the mid-1990s, Annie Crudup-Ward Lowery's life
5 seemed to be progressing according to plan as she and her husband,
6 Willie, were realizing their dream of building an activity center
7 to provide much-needed services for the youth of Scott County; and

8 WHEREAS, living in Pennsylvania at the time and driving to
9 Mississippi every month to check on the construction project, Mrs.
10 Lowery's plans were short-lived when her husband died at the age
11 of 47; and

12 WHEREAS, overcoming the loss of her husband, Mrs. Lowery,
13 faced with the adversity presented by being diagnosed with a major
14 illness, completed the challenges of Phase I and Phase II of the
15 construction project with the help of her parents and siblings;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, assisted by her oldest son, Curtis Ward, who
18 received his degree in finance from Xavier University, the
19 Crudup-Ward Activity Center opened in November 1996, offering
20 child care for 144 children per shift, after school and summer
21 programs, senior citizens programs, a food pantry, Certified
22 Community Housing Development Organization services and more; and

23 WHEREAS, the eldest of 12 children born to A.B. and Catherine
24 Crudup of Pulaski, Mississippi, Mrs. Lowery earned a business
25 administration degree from Alcorn State University, and after
26 marrying Willie, moved to Moscow, Idaho, where she was hired as an
27 accountant for Washington State University; and

28 WHEREAS, later moving to Boise, Idaho, she worked for Idaho
29 First National Bank and eventually earned a diploma in banking
30 from the University of Wisconsin and continued her studies in a
31 graduate business course at Widener University; and

32 WHEREAS, on August 30, 2003, Mrs. Lowery was united in holy
33 matrimony to Roy Lowery, and continued her endless pursuit of
34 helping the youth, resulting in many honors and recognitions,
35 including the 2006 Professional Woman Image Award presented by the
36 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Nu Pi Zeta Chapter; and

37 WHEREAS, supported by her husband, Roy; sons, Steven and
38 Andrae; and two grandsons, Mrs. Lowery remains active in every
39 facet of her community, serving on the advisory board for the
40 *Scott County Times*, Third New Hope District Congress, National
41 Association of Colored Women's Club's East Central Federated Unit,
42 Order of Eastern Stars and a life member of the NAACP; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
44 recognize the diligence of such outstanding Mississippians as Mrs.
45 Lowery, whose work and dedication to the development and success
46 of the Crudup-Ward Activity Center has benefited the youth and
47 communities of Scott County:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
50 commend and congratulate Mrs. Annie Crudup-Ward Lowery upon being
51 selected one of Mississippi's Leading Business Women by the
52 *Mississippi Business Journal* and extend our wishes for continued
53 success in all her future endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Mrs. Annie Lowery and to the members of the Capitol
56 Press Corps.