

By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th), Walls,
Butler, Simmons, Thomas, Jackson (32nd),
Harden, Turner, Frazier, Jordan

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MAYOR BETTY FOWLER
2 UPON HER RECEIPT OF THE FANNIE LOU HAMER HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD AS
3 PART OF THE 5TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION.

4 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights
5 (the Center) marks Saturday, February 25, 2006, as its 5th Annual
6 Black History Month Celebration; and

7 WHEREAS, the theme of this year's celebration is "Lift Every
8 Voice and Sing" Celebrate 365 Days a Year; and

9 WHEREAS, on this day, in honor of the life of Fannie Lou
10 Hamer, the Center is presenting the Fannie Lou Hamer Human Rights
11 Award to the Honorable Betty Fowler, Mayor of the Town of
12 Sunflower, Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, Mayor Betty Fowler made history when she became the
14 first African-American Mayor of the Town of Sunflower in 2001 and
15 was reelected in 2005; and

16 WHEREAS, Mayor Fowler serves the Town of Sunflower with
17 distinction and a true sense of commitment to providing
18 opportunities for all residents in the Town of Sunflower; and

19 WHEREAS, during Mayor Fowler's tenure, additional affordable
20 housing has been built for local residents and a community center
21 constructed and a host of other accomplishments and improvements
22 have been made in the Town of Sunflower; and

23 WHEREAS, Mayor Fowler is a woman of outstanding historical
24 note, having been the only person in the United States to serve as
25 the Mayor of two separate municipalities: Moorehead, Mississippi,
26 from 1993 to 1997, and now the Town of Sunflower; and

27 WHEREAS, Mayor Betty Fowler, as a native of Sunflower County,
28 Mississippi, has dedicated her life since childhood to the dream
29 of equality for all:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
31 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mayor
32 Betty Fowler of Sunflower, Mississippi, upon her receipt of the
33 Fannie Lou Hamer Human Rights Award by the Mississippi Workers'
34 Center for Human Rights as part of the 5th Annual Black History
35 Month Celebration, and extend the best wishes of the Senate to her
36 for continued success.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
38 Mayor Fowler and her family, and be made available to the Capitol
39 Press Corps.