

By: Representatives Brown, Smith To: Rules
(39th)

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LYDIA QUARLES UPON
2 BEING NAMED AS THE 2006 RECIPIENT OF THE MARY C. LAWTON AWARD FOR
3 OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, Lydia Quarles has been named the 2006 recipient of
5 the Mary C. Lawton Award for Outstanding Government Service,
6 becoming the first Mississippian to receive the prestigious honor;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, a 27-year veteran attorney, Lydia is a Commissioner
9 of the Workers' Compensation Commission, serving as the attorney
10 appointee after being appointed by the Governor in 2001; and

11 WHEREAS, the award presented annually by the American Bar
12 Association's Section of Administrative and Regulatory Practice,
13 seeks to honor one distinguished individual for their
14 contributions to the development, implementation or improvement of
15 administrative law and regulatory practice that reflects sustained
16 excellence in performance; and

17 WHEREAS, characteristics sought in and possessed by the award
18 panel are paramount within Mrs. Quarles, who, prior to being
19 appointed as a Commissioner, served the Workers' Compensation
20 Commission as an Administrative Judge for eight years, and engaged
21 in private practice prior to 1993; and

22 WHEREAS, equipped with a Juris Doctorate from Cumberland
23 School of Law, a master of arts and a bachelor of arts from
24 Mississippi University for Women and credit toward a Ph.D at
25 Mississippi State University, she has earned certification as a
26 "Workers Compensation Professional" from Michigan State
27 University's School of Labor and Industrial Relations; and

28 WHEREAS, active in workers' compensation related
29 organizations, Quarles' leadership, along with the support of the
30 Mississippi Bar Association enabled the Bar Foundation and the
31 Workers' Compensation Section to jointly sponsor the Kid's Chance
32 of Mississippi Scholarship, a scholarship program for children of
33 permanently disabled or deceased Mississippi workers; and

34 WHEREAS, Chair of the Adjudication Committee of the Southern
35 Association of Workers' Compensation Administrators and a Regent
36 of the Workers' Compensation College of the International
37 Association of Industrial Accidents Boards and Commissions,
38 Quarles was the 2003 recipient of the Mississippi Bar's
39 Distinguished Service Award, named one of Mississippi's Top 12
40 Leading Business Women for 2004 by the *Mississippi Business*
41 *Journal*, serves as a fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation, a
42 member of the Mississippi University for Women Alumni Board and a
43 member of the Foundation Board for the Mississippi School for Math
44 and Science; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
46 recognize and commend excellence in such remarkable individuals as
47 Mrs. Quarles, whose service and dedication has bestowed great
48 recognition upon her and the State of Mississippi:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
51 commend and congratulate Lydia Quarles upon being named the 2006
52 recipient of the Mary C. Lawton Award for Outstanding Government
53 Service and making Mississippi history in the process, and we
54 express our most fervent wish for her continued success in all
55 future endeavors.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
57 furnished to Lydia Quarles and to the members of the Capitol Press
58 Corps.