

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MS.
2 FRAN GRAVES FOR BEING A RECIPIENT OF THE BLUE CROSS AND BLUE
3 SHIELD OF MISSISSIPPI AGELESS HEROES AWARD FOR 2006.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Fran Graves, age 75, and a resident of Richland,
5 Mississippi, has been selected as a 2006 Mississippi Ageless Hero
6 statewide honoree for her community involvement; and

7 WHEREAS, her longtime passion for helping others, Good
8 Samaritan doesn't begin to describe Ms. Graves' commitment to
9 worthy causes to aid the state's growing senior population; and

10 WHEREAS, immersing herself in efforts to her community
11 involvement, Ms. Graves, who serves as President of the VFW Ladies
12 Auxiliary post in Florence, Mississippi, program chairperson and
13 secretary for the AARP chapter in Richland and President of the
14 Richland Community Dance Club, has endeavored, since her 60th
15 birthday, through the Lions Club vision programs, to raise money
16 and sponsor eye surgeries and has assisted a blind individual in
17 receiving a guide dog; and

18 WHEREAS, she was the driving force behind the move to bring
19 the Morr-Sight mobile eye care clinic to Mississippi to provide
20 eye examinations and glasses for more than 3,000 Mississippians;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Graves is also lauded for her involvement
23 through volunteerism with the organizations, Seniors and Law
24 Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.), which offers Richland residents
25 an opportunity to voice their concerns and help police improve the
26 community, and Order of the Eastern Star; and

27 WHEREAS, Ms. Graves, who refers to age as only a number, and
28 lives her life for the enjoyment of each day, attributes longevity
29 to her faith in God and maintaining an active lifestyle; and

30 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
31 outstanding individuals, such as Ms. Fran Graves, who exhibits the
32 very best spirit and vitality of our nation's seniors while
33 helping her community through her creativity, volunteering and
34 inspiring others:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
36 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
37 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Ms. Fran
38 Graves for being a recipient of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of
39 Mississippi Ageless Heroes Award for 2006.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
41 furnished to Ms. Graves and to the members of the Capitol Press
42 Corps.