

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.