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To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE COMMITTED DEDICATION  
2 OF JOAN E. NICELEY, FOUNDER OF THE "PINK HEART FUND," FOR HER WORK  
3 IN PROVIDING WIGS AND BREAST PROSTHESES TO CANCER PATIENTS.

4 WHEREAS, after having been diagnosed with breast cancer on  
5 October 21, 2002, JoAn Niceley dedicated her life's work in the  
6 fight to find a cure; and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Virginia, JoAn, who is no stranger to  
8 overcoming the odds and turning tragedy into triumph, moved to  
9 Pass Christian, Mississippi, with her family in 1968, and one year  
10 later lost everything to Hurricane Camille, thereafter moving to  
11 Long Beach, where she continues to reside; and

12 WHEREAS, because JoAn knows firsthand the determination  
13 necessary to get through diagnosis, treatment, and recovery, she  
14 has become an invaluable volunteer with the American Cancer  
15 Society and has taken on a few projects of her own; and

16 WHEREAS, a hairstylist with 30 years' experience, 12 years of  
17 which she has specialized in styling and custom fitting wigs for  
18 women, men and children alike, helping them adjust to the side  
19 effects of chemotherapy and radiation by providing superior  
20 products that have a realistic appearance and feel; and

21 WHEREAS, JoAn uses her skills as a cosmetologist by  
22 facilitating "Look Good Feel Better," a program created by the  
23 American Cancer Society, during which she teaches patients how to  
24 combat the cosmetic side effects of cancer treatments, using her  
25 personal and professional experience to assist patients in fitting  
26 wigs, scarves and hats; and

27           WHEREAS, in her continuing efforts to aid those financially  
28 disadvantaged and unable to buy a wig or expensive breast  
29 prosthesis, JoAn founded the Pink Heart Fund to help ensure that  
30 cancer patients in need of a wig or breast prosthesis are provided  
31 those necessities as part of their recovery process; and

32           WHEREAS, very active in the Relay for Life, Making Strides  
33 Against Breast Cancer Walk and the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Walk,  
34 Mrs. Niceley has created a cookbook, "Appetite for Living," in  
35 honor of cancer survivors and in memory of those who lost their  
36 battle with the disease, proceeds of which go to the Pink Heart  
37 Fund; and

38           WHEREAS, having lost her father, William Cupp, to cancer in  
39 1984 at the age of 54, JoAn's survival is marked by a contagious  
40 and enduring energy and a strong will to help those in need; and

41           WHEREAS, after Hurricane Katrina, JoAn saw an increased need  
42 for support and encouragement to be made available to cancer  
43 patients, who not only found themselves battling this most  
44 atrocious disease, but also battling the survival of life itself  
45 after having lost everything in the storm's fury, and in efforts  
46 to ease some of the financial strain, donated more than 50 free  
47 wigs and an abundance of Wal-Mart Gift Cards; and

48           WHEREAS, during her bout with this life-altering disease and  
49 through her continuing effort to do a yeoman's job in helping in  
50 the fight for a cure, Mrs. Niceley has shared the admiration and  
51 support of husband, Larry Niceley and stepsons, Thomas and  
52 Clifford; and

53           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
54 and commend such noteworthy givers of light as Mrs. Niceley, whose  
55 own personal struggle with cancer has inspired her to a life of  
56 volunteerism and dedicated service in the fight for cancer's cure:

57           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
59 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the committed dedication of

60 JoAn E. Niceley, founder of the "Pink Heart Fund," for the work in  
61 the efforts of promoting cancer awareness and for her work in  
62 providing wigs and breast prostheses to cancer patients and  
63 express warmest wishes for continued health and success in all of  
64 her future endeavors.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
66 furnished to Mrs. Niceley and to the members of the Capitol Press  
67 Corps.