

By: Senator(s) Williamson, Burton, Butler,
Dearing, Frazier, Jackson (32nd), Jordan

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 534

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MRS.
2 TINYE MARSHALL OF NESHOPA COUNTY WHO WAS NAMED MISSISSIPPI'S
3 OUTSTANDING OLDER WORKER BY ENTERPRISE WORKS, INC.

4 WHEREAS, in conjunction with National Older Workers Month,
5 Mrs. Tinye Marshall, an 85-year-old mother and grandmother, was
6 nominated and named Neshoba County and Mississippi's "Outstanding
7 Older Worker" for 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Marshall was nominated in April 2000 by
9 Experience Works, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides
10 training and employment services for older workers, and she won
11 the state title; and

12 WHEREAS, to be eligible for Mississippi's Outstanding Older
13 Worker, a person must be at least 65 years of age, a resident of
14 Mississippi, currently employed and work at least 20 hours a week;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Marshall won the state honor and traveled to
17 Washington, D.C., to compete for the National Prime Time Award.
18 During her stay, she took a tour of the city and attended meetings
19 and an awards banquet along with her state congressional
20 representatives. Mrs. Marshall had never been to Washington,
21 D.C., or even been on an airplane; and

22 WHEREAS, although many may not know Mrs. Marshall by name,
23 Neshoba County residents are sure to know her face as Wal-Mart's
24 greeter for the past nine years, and she still works 40 hours a
25 week greeting customers; and

26 WHEREAS, growing up near the edge of Kemper County, where she
27 still lives today, Mrs. Marshall has been a worker her whole life.

28 During her lifetime, she worked at Wells Lamont for 31 years and
29 Nemanco in DeKalb for four years before going to work at Wal-Mart;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, while working, she also helped raise three of her
32 brothers and could drive a John Deere tractor as good as any man,
33 all the while raising a family of her own; and

34 WHEREAS, she and her late husband, Perry, have a son, Eugene,
35 who lives in Meridian, Mississippi, with his wife, Judy. Mrs.
36 Marshall also has three grandchildren, Kim, Brooke and John, and
37 two great-grandchildren, Riley and Hadley; and

38 WHEREAS, the thought of retiring is not even in sight for
39 Mrs. Marshall. When Mrs. Marshall is not greeting Wal-Mart
40 customers, she enjoys quilting and cooking, and is a faithful
41 member of Sardis Baptist Church; and

42 WHEREAS, the national, yearlong Prime Time Awards Program is
43 America's singular and most far-reaching effort to salute older
44 workers. No other national program recruits and identifies people
45 over age 65 who are still contributing to their communities and
46 keeping themselves healthy by working. The Prime Time Awards
47 seeks to remove barriers and lessen stereotypes about older
48 workers. Launched in 1998, Experience Works' Prime Time Awards
49 Program salutes America's senior workforce by identifying winners
50 in three categories: Outstanding Older Workers, Outstanding
51 Employers of Older Workers and America's Oldest Worker; and

52 WHEREAS, the Outstanding Older Workers Program, which was
53 awarded in 2006 to Mrs. Marshall, is an extensive grass roots
54 nomination effort in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and
55 Puerto Rico, to find the person over age 65, working more than 20
56 hours a week, who best reflects the characteristics of leadership,
57 learning, mentoring and community service, and who continues to
58 make meaningful contributions to their employer. Many of these
59 people are in second careers, have overcome handicaps or taken

60 additional training in their later years to continue to improve
61 their working skills; and

62 WHEREAS, Mrs. Marshall is a prime example of a Mississippian
63 supporting the desire of older adults to live in their own homes
64 and communities for as long as possible, and it is with great
65 pride that we recognize this effort to help our citizens remain
66 vibrant in their community and state:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
68 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
69 we do hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Tinye Marshall of
70 Neshoba County, Mississippi, who was named Mississippi's
71 Outstanding Older Worker by Enterprise Works, Inc., after winning
72 the local award in Neshoba County, and we extend to her and her
73 family the best wishes of the Legislature in their future
74 endeavors.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
76 Tinye Marshall, be forwarded to the Area On Aging Council for
77 Neshoba County and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.