

By: Representative Bennett

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MRS. IDA AMELIA
2 FRANKE LADNIER SHAW UPON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

3 WHEREAS, on January 7, 1919, in Pascagoula, Mississippi, the
4 world was blessed with the birth of Mrs. Ida Amelia Franke Ladnier
5 Shaw, and decades later, upon the auspicious occasion of her 100th
6 birthday, she continues to shower those around her with
7 unconditional love and support; and

8 WHEREAS, Ida attended Pineville Elementary School and when
9 she was old enough, she learned the family business bottling milk
10 in her father's dairy, and after she graduated from Pass Christian
11 High School, she was determined to further her education, so with
12 only her mother's help and encouragement, she dressed chickens to
13 earn tuition money and attended Perkinson Junior College; and

14 WHEREAS, during her tenure at Perkinson, she played the
15 piano and sang in the Glee Club, and to earn extra money, she
16 waited tables at a local restaurant, worked in the library and
17 even graded papers for a professor on campus; and



18 WHEREAS, Ida received her teacher's certificate during the
19 summer session at Mississippi Southern Teacher's College in
20 Hattiesburg, and in 1939, she accepted her first job in education
21 as the beginners, first and second grade teacher at the school
22 headed by the new principal, Mr. Royal M. Ladnier; and

23 WHEREAS, as their work relationship progressed, so did their
24 personal one, and in 1940, Royal M. Ladnier and Ida Amelia Franke
25 exchanged the vows of holy matrimony at St. Ann's Catholic Church
26 in Lizana, and the two love birds were married for 57 years before
27 Royal's passing in 1997; and

28 WHEREAS, over the next several years, Mr. and Mrs. Ladnier
29 lived in several locations and made several career moves, but as
30 the landscape of their lives changed, their love and adoration for
31 one another never wavered, and they expanded their family with the
32 addition of seven children: Randall, Royce, Linda, Glen, Dale,
33 Janice and Kevin; and

34 WHEREAS, when Royal became the principal of Sellers School in
35 Perkinston, Ida taught second grade there as well as piano to some
36 students, and it seemed as though they had finally found a place
37 they could settle down, so they began building a home for their
38 family along Highway 53 and in 1952, they moved in; and

39 WHEREAS, eventually, Ida closed the teaching chapter of her
40 book and accepted a job with the Department of Welfare as it was
41 known back then, and after 17 years of placing children in foster
42 care and performing research, she retired in 1970; and



43 WHEREAS, after retirement, Ida spent several years selling
44 her delicious canned fruit and preserves as well as plants at the
45 farmer's market in Biloxi, and in the late 1970s, the Ladniers
46 began raising thoroughbred horses, selling some and racing others
47 in Louisiana; and

48 WHEREAS, after Mr. Ladnier's passing in 1997, Ida married Mr.
49 Gilmer Shaw in 2002, but unfortunately, he passed away in 2003,
50 and Ida herself has had to survive breast cancer, a stroke, nose
51 cancer and the passing of her youngest daughter, Janice, but
52 despite all that, Ida remains a fighter; and

53 WHEREAS, throughout her life, Ida has played the organ at St.
54 Ann's Catholic Church for 50 years, quilted masterpieces her
55 entire life, grown breathtakingly gorgeous, award-winning
56 camellias as well as created a new, dark red bloom variety, served
57 as a notary public and income tax preparer, worked for the census
58 bureau, traveled to numerous exotic places, including Mexico,
59 Europe, the Caribbean, the Panama Canal and Alaska, and in 2008,
60 she attended the Olympics in China; and

61 WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, Mrs. Ida Amelia Franke
62 Ladnier Shaw has undoubtedly inspired her family and friends,
63 greeting everyone she meets with a million-watt smile that could
64 illuminate even the darkest day, and her children, grandchildren
65 and great-grandchildren love her tremendously and revere her as
66 the wonderful mother and grandmother she truly is; and



67 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
68 recognize and honor the lives of Mississippi's wisest generation,
69 especially those such as Mrs. Ida Amelia Franke Ladnier Shaw on
70 the occasion of her 100th birthday, for being a gracious woman who
71 always puts others before herself and loves her family and friends
72 unconditionally, bringing glory and honor to the State of
73 Mississippi:

74 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
75 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
76 commend and congratulate Mrs. Ida Amelia Franke Ladnier Shaw upon
77 the occasion of her 100th birthday and extend our most sincere
78 wishes for her happiness on such a momentous occurrence.

79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
80 furnished to Mrs. Ida Amelia Franke Ladnier Shaw and to the
81 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

