

By: Representative Yates

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING LOCKE WARD, A LIFE LONG  
2 RESIDENT OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, FOR HIS DETERMINATION AND  
3 AMAZING EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE OUR CAPITAL CITY AND HONOR HIM FOR  
4 GALVANIZING OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.

5 WHEREAS, "passionate citizen" and "man of action" are just a  
6 few of the titles used to describe Locke Ward, a life long  
7 resident of Jackson, Mississippi, who began and continues to clean  
8 the frontage road of Jackson by picking up trash and debris; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward's love for the City of Jackson is not just  
10 a passive adoration, but an undeniable passion for the place he  
11 has called home his entire life; and

12 WHEREAS, in November 2023, Mr. Ward began his clean up  
13 efforts after being troubled by watching trash slowly build up  
14 week-to-week on his route home on Frontage Road off I-55 in  
15 Jackson; and

16 WHEREAS, he was inspired by his past, as he knew how  
17 beautifully clean the strip of I-55 could be and wanted to return  
18 it to its glory since he has been driving I-55 his entire life;  
19 and



20 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward has been quoted as stating, "Basically, I  
21 kept driving by the same spot over and over again, and when I came  
22 home I told my wife one day...I said, 'I am sick and tired of  
23 looking at all this trash,' I said, 'I'm gonna clean this little  
24 area myself.' And then, to be honest, it's just kind of  
25 snowballed on me. I'm not doing this to make money. I'm doing  
26 this because I was tired of looking at all the trash."; and

27 WHEREAS, his dedication and commitment has yielded great  
28 results and has inspired dozens of other volunteers to work with  
29 Mr. Ward to clean our capital city; and

30 WHEREAS, businesses and residents in the area have also  
31 applauded him and his efforts and evidenced their own commitment  
32 by raising over \$50,000 to support his efforts; and

33 WHEREAS, this outpour of support has motivated Mr. Ward to  
34 create a nonprofit, "Clean Up Jackson," to continue his work and  
35 use his leadership skills to galvanize more volunteers; and

36 WHEREAS, as further evidence of Mr. Ward's domino effect, the  
37 Mississippi Department of Transportation and the City of Jackson  
38 are now working with Mr. Ward to clean the area; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
40 the efforts of fine Mississippians who have put their passions for  
41 this great state to work and enhance the beautiful highway  
42 landscapes of this great state in ways that benefit everyone:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING



45 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Locke Ward for his tireless  
46 efforts to use his time, talents and treasures to revitalize our  
47 capital city and honor him for galvanizing others to beautify our  
48 highways.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
50 furnished to Locke Ward and to the members of the Capitol Press  
51 Corps.

