

By: Turner

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 553

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING YEVONNE S. PREWITT, COUNTY
2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CLAY COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA)
3 OFFICE IN WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI, UPON RECEIVING THE 1999 UNITED
4 STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S SILVER PLOW HONOR AWARD FOR
5 PUBLIC SERVICE.

6 WHEREAS, Yevonne S. Prewitt, is the County Executive Director
7 of the Clay County Farm Service Agency Office in West Point,
8 Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Prewitt received the 1999 United States
10 Department of Agriculture's Silver Plow Honor Award for Public
11 Service at an impressive awards ceremony held in Washington, D.C.;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, this award is one of the highest that the Secretary
14 of Agriculture can bestow upon the United States Department of
15 Agriculture employees and private citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, this is the first time that a Mississippian has been
17 selected to receive this prestigious award; and

18 WHEREAS, with all her outstanding accomplishments, both
19 professional and personal, Ms. Prewitt was tapped from an
20 impressive slate of nominees nominated from all USDA agencies
21 across the nation at numerous levels in a very competitive
22 selection process conducted by the Department of Agriculture; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Prewitt has two sons: Mark, age 21, who is a
24 junior at Mississippi State University, and Scott, age 26, who is
25 a 1999 graduate of the University of South Alabama; and

26 WHEREAS, Ms. Prewitt is herself a graduate of Caledonia High
27 School in Lowndes County, Mississippi, and furthered her education

28 at Itawamba Junior College and Mississippi State University; and

29 WHEREAS, she has also completed numerous USDA-OPM federal
30 training courses; and

31 WHEREAS, she has been employed by the United States
32 Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for 23 years, having
33 risen to her current position; and

34 WHEREAS, Yevonne S. Prewitt was selected as a result of
35 dedicated efforts and distinguished accomplishments; and

36 WHEREAS, other notable achievements, recognition, and awards
37 bestowed upon her include: Chairperson of the Governor's
38 "Mississippi Woman 1999 Conference"; 1998-1999 President of the
39 Mississippi Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW)
40 Clubs; 1998 "Power of One" Honoree recognized at the "Mississippi
41 Woman '98 Conference"; recipient of National Association of FSA
42 County Office Employees (NASCOE) "1995 Distinguished Service to
43 Community Award"; graduate of "Promoting Rural Opportunity in
44 Mississippi" (PRO-MISS) Leadership program funded by W.K. Kellogg
45 Foundation through Mississippi State University; BPW "1991
46 Mississippi Woman of Achievement"; recipient of 1990 USDA-ASCS
47 Administrator's National Service to Agriculture Award; and
48 recipient of the United States Baseball Federation's Golden
49 Diamond Amateur Baseball "Woman of the Year" Award in Mississippi;
50 and

51 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
52 dedicated professional in her many accomplishments and awards,
53 both professionally and personally:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
55 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
56 we do hereby congratulate Yevonne S. Prewitt, an outstanding
57 community volunteer, citizen and USDA Farm Service Agency
58 employee, upon receiving the 1999 United States Department of
59 Agriculture's Silver Plow Honor Award for Public Service.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be

61 presented to Yevonne S. Prewitt, and be made available to the
62 Capitol Press Corps.