

By: Turner

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 553  
(As Adopted by Senate)

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.