

By: Representative Bailey

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. THOMAS J. ARMY UPON  
2 RECEIVING THE PRESIDENTIAL RANK AWARD FOR THE YEAR 2000.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas J. Army has been selected to receive a  
4 Presidential Rank Award for the year 2000 given to senior  
5 executive leaders who achieve extraordinary results; and

6 WHEREAS, winners of this prestigious award have demonstrated  
7 their ability to lead a government that delivers great service,  
8 fosters partnerships and community solutions to achieve results,  
9 and continuously pushes itself to get the job done more  
10 effectively and efficiently; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Army, with headquarters at Jamie Whitten Delta  
12 States Research Center, is recognized for his unusual skill,  
13 insight and vision in leading and managing the Mid South Area of  
14 USDA's Agricultural Research Service, the world's largest  
15 agricultural research organization; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1995, Dr. Army was named Area Director at the  
17 Stoneville site, which consists of 239 employees, including 66  
18 scientists, with an annual operating budget of \$18.6 million; and

19 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Dr. Army has intensified  
20 research to ensure that the highest priority agricultural and  
21 environmental problems were addressed, including reducing  
22 populations of the invasive Formosan subterranean termite,  
23 developing sustainable farming systems with reduced production  
24 costs, and developing new crop and fish germplasm; and

25           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
26 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by outstanding  
27 Mississippians such as Dr. Army:

28           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
29 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
30 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Thomas J.  
31 Army on receiving the Presidential Rank Award for the year 2000  
32 and express our heartiest wishes for continued success in all his  
33 future endeavors.

34           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
35 furnished to Dr. Thomas J. Army and to the members of the Capitol  
36 Press Corps.