

By: Senator(s) Dearing, Johnson (38th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 538

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MRS.
2 RUBY WEST OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, THE BLUFF CITY POST "WOMAN OF
3 THE YEAR."

4 WHEREAS Mrs. Ruby West of Natchez, Mississippi, has been
5 named "Woman of the Year" by the Bluff City Post; and

6 WHEREAS, when Ruby West came to Natchez, she became ingrained
7 into the Adams County Community, joined the historic Rose Hill
8 Missionary Baptist Church, the oldest Black Baptist Church in the
9 state; and

10 WHEREAS, she met and married the late "TEDDY" Theodore West
11 and to this union two children were born, Gladys and Theodore,
12 Jr.; and

13 WHEREAS, for more than 33 years she taught mathematics in the
14 Natchez-Adams Public School System. During those 33 years, she
15 taught at the following schools: Sadie V. Thompson, Anchorage,
16 Morgantown, Montebello, North Natchez (formerly Anchorage Junior
17 High, and Natchez High School; and

18 WHEREAS, after retirement she worked with students at Alcorn
19 State University in ACT preparation through a Mathematical Testing
20 Improvement Program and taught at Ferriday High School for one
21 year; and

22 WHEREAS, while teaching, she did everything she could to
23 motivate students, telling them that education was the only way
24 out for them and she implored them, if they didn't want to go to
25 college then get a trade in order to become a meaningful
26 contributing citizen in their community; and

27 WHEREAS, after retirement from the public school system, she
28 did not retire from helping students. She tutored students in her
29 home. She also continues to be a positive role model through
30 Christian leadership, mentoring and counseling with young people
31 in the Broadmoor Community where she lives; and

32 WHEREAS, Mrs. West also works with the Catherine Williams HVI
33 Homemakers Club, is an active member of the Southwest Retired
34 Teachers Association and the Southwest Coalition of 100 Black
35 Women. For several years she has been the spearheader for
36 Outreach Program and the Food Pac Coop, and serves as financial
37 secretary; and

38 WHEREAS, she is a strong supporter of area Black businesses
39 and does all she can to steer money toward those Blacks that are
40 in business in Natchez-Adams County; and

41 WHEREAS, she is a tireless worker for the young people at her
42 church, and in her community for those that are less fortunate and
43 it is with great pride that we recognize the civic devotion of
44 Mrs. Ruby West who brings honor to her community and to her state:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
47 we do hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Ruby West of Natchez,
48 Mississippi, upon being selected the Bluff City Post "Woman of the
49 Year" and wish her and her family continued success in their
50 future civic and charitable endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be
52 presented to Mrs. Ruby West and her family, and be made available
53 to the Capitol Press Corps.