

By: Representatives Ford, Holland, Scott  
(17th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. FRANCES COGGINS FOR  
2 HER 50 YEARS OF TEACHING IN THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND  
3 CONGRATULATING HER UPON HER RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Frances Coggins, a native of Ratliff,  
5 Mississippi, will retire at the end of the 2001-2002 school year,  
6 having taught school for 50 years; and

7 WHEREAS, after graduating from Fulton High School, Ms.  
8 Coggins attended Itawamba Junior College and later completed her  
9 teaching degree at Mississippi State University; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Coggins began teaching at Unity School, where  
11 she taught third and fourth grade for nine years before Unity  
12 merged with Saltillo in the Lee County School District; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Coggins followed her students to Saltillo  
14 Elementary School, where she has taught fifth grade for 40 years;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, throughout her long and distinguished teaching  
17 career, Ms. Coggins has taught thousands of Mississippi's young  
18 children; and

19 WHEREAS, many of the administrators and teachers Ms. Coggins  
20 now works with were once her students including Johnny Green, the  
21 Superintendent of Lee County School District; and

22 WHEREAS, during her 50 years of teaching, Ms. Coggins has  
23 seen numerous changes in the school systems, from indoor plumbing  
24 to more books from lack of resources to computers in the  
25 classroom; and

26 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
27 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by such



28 outstanding educators as Ms. Coggins, who has dedicated 50 years  
29 to teaching the young children of this state:

30         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
32 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and express our heartfelt  
33 appreciation to Ms. Frances Coggins for her 50 years of teaching  
34 in the Mississippi Public School System and congratulate her upon  
35 her retirement.

36         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
37 furnished to Ms. Frances Coggins and to the members of the Capitol  
38 Press Corps.

