

By: Senator(s) Turner

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. JOHNNIE PEARL GRIFFIN RANDLE AND
2 EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR MRS. RANDLE'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO HER
3 COMMUNITY, STATE AND COUNTRY.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnnie Pearl Griffin Randle is a concerned
5 citizen, a dedicated church worker and a civic activist; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Randle is the widow of the late Ashley Randle,
7 Jr., and is the devoted mother of five children; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Randle, herself the oldest of seven children,
9 had to discontinue her own schooling at the age of 17 in order to
10 help rear her younger siblings due to the death of their mother;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, when the opportunity arose, Mrs. Randle studied and
13 earned her G.E.D. and accomplished further study at the Lowndes
14 County Parents and Teachers Center; and

15 WHEREAS, over the years Mrs. Randle has touched many lives;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, in 1989 Mrs. Randle was elected National President
18 of the National West Point Alumni, Incorporated, which is composed
19 of five chapters: West Point, Mississippi; Detroit/Flint,
20 Michigan; Chicago, Illinois; St. Louis/East St. Louis, Missouri;
21 and Washington, D.C./East Coast chapters; and

22 WHEREAS, since that time Mrs. Randle has more than ably
23 served in her dual roles as President of both the West Point
24 Chapter and the national organization; and

25 WHEREAS, it is Mrs. Randle's firmly held belief it is the
26 responsibility of organizations of this type and the members
27 thereof to stand up to the challenge of helping young people go on



28 to college and make a better life for themselves, thus improving
29 the communities in which we all live; and

30 WHEREAS, under her leadership, the National West Point
31 Alumni, Incorporated, has been very successful in investing in the
32 youth of our nation through an educational scholarship fund; and

33 WHEREAS, the fund has increased its annual generosity from
34 first awarding \$100.00 each to five college-bound students to its
35 current scholarship funding of \$1,000.00 annually to three
36 college-bound high school graduates of academic excellence; and

37 WHEREAS, since its inception, the organization has
38 successfully awarded over \$35,000.00 in scholarships to
39 outstanding high school graduates, and has been able to donate
40 other monies to deserving students who are having financial
41 difficulties and demonstrate a need for assistance; and

42 WHEREAS, Mrs. Randle has inspired the organization to be ever
43 mindful that achievement and progress are only possible through
44 unified and cooperative efforts, and demonstrates this leadership
45 on a daily basis; and

46 WHEREAS, Mrs. Randle has been instrumental in orchestrating
47 numerous fundraising activities and works unceasingly to increase
48 the organizations' membership; and

49 WHEREAS, due to her leadership, the National West Point
50 Alumni membership has grown threefold since 1989; and

51 WHEREAS, numerous successful reunions in chapter states have
52 been held, as well as several Caribbean cruises; and

53 WHEREAS, the West Point Chapter is particularly proud to be
54 the host of the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Black-tie Banquet
55 held in West Point, and attributes the genesis of this idea to
56 Mrs. Randle; and

57 WHEREAS, it is the practice of this Legislature to recognize
58 and commend those citizens of this great state who give so much of
59 themselves to contribute to the common good and sense of community
60 so integral to the State of Mississippi:



61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
62 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize and commend Mrs. Johnnie
63 Pearl Griffin Randle for her contributions to her community,
64 nation and our youth through her untiring efforts as President of
65 both the National West Point Alumni, Incorporated, and the West
66 Point Chapter, and thank her for her vision and leadership on the
67 occasion of the 2002 Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Black-tie
68 Banquet in West Point, Mississippi.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
70 presented to Mrs. Randle.

