

By: Senator(s) Little, Browning

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI'S 2002  
2 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, JAMES RICHARD MILAM, AND  
3 EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE SENATE ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY.

4 WHEREAS, a man who has freely given a lifetime of service to  
5 the Crossroads area was recognized for his efforts by the Junior  
6 Auxiliary of Corinth, Mississippi, at the 40th Annual Charity Ball  
7 as: James Richard Milam was named Outstanding Citizen of the  
8 Year; and

9 WHEREAS, the Boy Scout law states that "a Scout is  
10 trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient,  
11 cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent." All of these words  
12 have been used to describe the Outstanding Citizen of 2002; and

13 WHEREAS, Milam, a sixty-year Corinth resident, was born in  
14 Saltillo in 1912 to William Eli and Lillie Davis Milam. His  
15 grandfather, Thomas Porter of Alabama, fought in the Civil War  
16 Battle of Brice's Crossroads, where he was wounded on June 10,  
17 1864. In 1936, he married Madge Beard; the couple had five  
18 children, twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In  
19 1977, Mrs. Milam passed away and in 1981, Milam married Florence  
20 Nash and his extended family includes Florence's three children  
21 and four grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, as a young man, Milam taught school and served as  
23 principal in Saltillo. He became involved in Scouting in 1926  
24 when he and a group of high school friends started the first Scout  
25 Troop in Saltillo. This later lead to a thirty-three-year  
26 full-time job with Boy Scouts of America; and



27       WHEREAS, there is simply no way to measure the lasting  
28       contribution that Mr. Milam has made to society by positively  
29       impacting the lives of hundreds, possibly even thousands, of young  
30       men in Northeast Mississippi through a lifetime of service to  
31       Scouting. In addition to Scouting, Mr. Milam has served Corinth  
32       through his involvement in the Rotary Club for many years. Mr.  
33       Milam has been an active member in the Rotary Club since January  
34       1, 1950. For 52 years he has lived a life that epitomizes the  
35       Rotary motto "Service Above Self." At the age of 90, he continues  
36       to attend Rotary meetings faithfully and to participate in Rotary  
37       service projects; and

38       WHEREAS, at 90, Milam still faithfully serves First  
39       Presbyterian Church as well. He attends services regularly and  
40       participates in nearly every activity and special service of the  
41       church. He has served as a Deacon and Elder, and for the past few  
42       years as an Elder Emeritus. He also continues to provide  
43       leadership for many different ministries within the church,  
44       including prayer ministries and ministries for older adults; and

45       WHEREAS, in addition to working with civic and church groups,  
46       Milam can often be seen around Corinth visiting residents of area  
47       nursing homes to offer them a smile, hug or encouraging word. He  
48       also visits patients at Magnolia Regional Health Center on a  
49       weekly basis. Milam reaches out to help others regardless of  
50       their background or age; and

51       WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the civic  
52       generosity and life-long dedication to Scouting brought by James  
53       Milam, who has been an inspiration to the citizens of his  
54       community and to the State of Mississippi:

55       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
56       MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Corinth, Mississippi's 2002  
57       Outstanding Citizen of the Year, James Richard Milam, and extend  
58       to him the best wishes of the Senate on the occasion of his 90th  
59       birthday.



60           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
61 presented to James Milam and his family and be made available to  
62 the Capitol Press Corps.

