

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.

