

By: Senator(s) Farris, King

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING PAMELA PRIDGEN OF  
2 HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, WINNER OF THE 2002 PUBLIC HUMANITIES  
3 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD OF THE MISSISSIPPI HUMANITIES COUNCIL.

4 WHEREAS. Pamela Pridgen's efforts in bringing a series of  
5 national exhibits to the Forrest County Library System have earned  
6 her one of the state's five humanities awards; and

7 WHEREAS, Pridgen, Director of The Library of Hattiesburg,  
8 Petal and Forrest County, will receive the 2002 Public Humanities  
9 Achievement Award of the Mississippi Humanities Council in  
10 ceremonies to be held in Jackson, Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, the award recognizes Pridgen's leadership and the  
12 library's contribution in making exhibits on topics as varied as  
13 George Washington and the abolition of slavery available to Pine  
14 Belt residents; and

15 WHEREAS, the award is given by the Mississippi Humanities  
16 Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the  
17 Humanities; and

18 WHEREAS, former library trustee, Betty McKenzie, credits  
19 Pridgen's leadership not only in bringing the series of humanities  
20 programs to the city, but as the catalyst in the 1996 opening of  
21 the new library which has made the system so successful; and

22 WHEREAS, exhibits include George Washington and the American  
23 Republic, Produce for Victory; Posters from the American Homefront  
24 and Free at Last: A History of the Abolition of Slavery in  
25 America; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1996 when the new facility opened, 100,000 books  
27 were checked out. Last year that number was about 400,000. In



28   Forrest County, there are 35,000 registered borrowers, nearly half  
29   the county's population:

30           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize excellence  
31   evidenced by an outstanding Mississippi such as Pamela Pridgen,  
32   who has brought honor to her community and to the State of  
33   Mississippi:

34           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
35   MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Pamela  
36   Pridgen of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, winner of the 2002 Public  
37   Humanities Achievement Award of the Mississippi Humanities Council  
38   and extend the best wishes of the Senate in her future endeavors.

39           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
40   presented to Ms. Pamela Pridgen and the members of the Capitol  
41   Press Corps.

