

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

1 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SHEELA BHAGAT, ASSOCIATE  
2 PROFESSOR AT RUST COLLEGE, FOR HER SPECIAL RECOGNITION DURING THE  
3 15TH ANNUAL HIGHER EDUCATION APPRECIATION DAY--WORKING FOR  
4 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (H.E.A.D.W.A.E.) PROGRAM.

5 WHEREAS, seventy-six outstanding students and faculty members  
6 from thirty-eight Mississippi public and private universities and  
7 colleges received special recognition from the Mississippi  
8 Legislature on Tuesday, February 19, 2002, during the 15th Annual  
9 Higher Education Appreciation Day--Working for Academic Excellence  
10 (H.E.A.D.W.A.E.) Program; and

11 WHEREAS, the H.E.A.D.W.A.E. observance was established in  
12 1988 by legislative resolution to honor individual academic  
13 achievement and the overall contribution of the state's public and  
14 private institutions of higher learning, and is supported by the  
15 state's corporate community; and

16 WHEREAS, faculty honoree representing Rust College at this  
17 program was Sheela Bhagat of Oxford, Mississippi, who is an  
18 Associate Professor with the Business Division; and

19 WHEREAS, her impressive resume is as follows:

20 Years service at institution: 21 total years of service;

21 23 academic credentials:

|    |               |                    |                           |             |
|----|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 22 | <u>Degree</u> | <u>Major</u>       | <u>University</u>         | <u>Year</u> |
| 23 | BBA           | Accounting         | University of Mississippi | 1968        |
| 24 | ML.S.         | Library Science    | University of Mississippi | 1971        |
| 25 | M.A.          | Accounting/Finance | University of Missouri,   |             |
| 26 |               |                    | Columbia                  | 1973        |

27 Publications/honors/awards: "Materials on India in the  
28 Dwight D. Eisenhower Library," *The India Archives*, 1-14 New Delhi.

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29 India "Accountanese" Dimension I, Fall 1987, Rust College, Holly  
30 Springs;

31 Professional affiliations/offices held: American Accounting  
32 Association, Southeast Region; AAAS.W.F.A.D. Finance Association;  
33 Beta Alpha Psi;

34 Civic Activities: Helping community with federal and state  
35 income tax forms; collecting funds for March of Dimes and Diabetes  
36 in the Oxford area;

37 Family: Husband, Dr. G. Bhagat; Daughter, Rekha Hagen; and

38 WHEREAS, the superior quality of education instruction at  
39 Rust College and our other public and private colleges and  
40 universities has permitted Mississippi to successfully attract and  
41 retain some of the brightest and most academically talented  
42 students in the state and nation; and

43 WHEREAS, the Senate of the State of Mississippi believes that  
44 it is most appropriate to pay special tribute to and bring  
45 deserved recognition and attention to those educational  
46 instructors of our state's universities and colleges who exemplify  
47 exceptional instructional skills, demonstrating that a quality  
48 education can be found within the borders of our state, and it is  
49 with great pride that we recognize the accomplishments of this  
50 outstanding instructor who has brought honor to her community, her  
51 college and to the State of Mississippi:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
53 MISSISSIPPI, That we hereby congratulate Sheela Bhagat, of Oxford,  
54 Mississippi, an Associate Professor at Rust College, for her  
55 special recognition at the 15th Annual Higher Education  
56 Appreciation Day--Working for Academic Excellence, as most  
57 representative of the finest traditions in outstanding academic  
58 instructional skills, and wish her continued success in her future  
59 career endeavors.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
61 presented to Sheela Bhagat and her family, be forwarded to the



62 President of Rust College and be made available to the Capitol  
63 Press Corps.

