

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. POLLY HOLLOWAY BEVERLY FOR
2 FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly served as an educator
4 for fifty years in Jefferson and Claiborne Counties; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly, the daughter of the
6 late Jesse and Mimie Holloway, was born in Fayette, Mississippi,
7 on January 3, 1910; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly earned her BS degree
9 from Rust College, her MS degree from St. Louis University and her
10 MA degree in Library Science from Atlanta University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly was married to her
12 hometown sweetheart, the late Reverend M.R. Beverly, for 55 years;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, they were blessed with one daughter, Camille; and

15 WHEREAS, she started her teaching career in 1917, when she
16 was a young lady just 17 years old; and

17 WHEREAS, she has taught the 1st through 12th grades, coached
18 basketball and taught the 3rd and 4th generations of many
19 families; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly was the first black
21 librarian in Jefferson County; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly was the Head Librarian
23 for Claiborne County, where she helped establish and reorganize
24 the Library System at Addison High School; and

25 WHEREAS, she was loved by her students as a kind, fair,
26 soft-spoken teacher with a quick smile and affectionately known as
27 "Ms. Polly"; and



28 WHEREAS, she considers her greatest reward in teaching is to
29 have lived to see so many of her students complete their education
30 and become leaders in their communities; and

31 WHEREAS, she was active in professional and civic affairs;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, she was a member of the National Education
34 Association, MTA, American Library Association, Mississippi
35 Library Association, the American Red Cross, National Federation
36 of Colored Women Clubs and the Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly helped establish and
39 became the first Director of the American Red Cross for Jefferson
40 County; and

41 WHEREAS, she is still very active as a youthful 92-year-old,
42 who still loves to travel with her daughter; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Senate of the State of
44 Mississippi to recognize and commend the dedicated service of the
45 citizens of the State of Mississippi:

46 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE, That
47 we do hereby commend Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly for over fifty
48 years of dedicated service to the children of this state as an
49 educator.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
51 presented to Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly.

