

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 529

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING NADINE LEATHERWOOD OF
2 CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI, UPON BEING NAMED THE NATIONAL "TUTOR OF THE
3 YEAR FOR 2003" BY PRO-LITERACY AMERICA AND DOLLAR GENERAL STORE.

4 WHEREAS, Nadine Leatherwood of Corinth, Mississippi, has been
5 named the "Tutor of the Year for 2003" by Pro-Literacy America and
6 Dollar General Store; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Leatherwood will travel, for the first time, to
8 the U.S. Capitol in mid-November to accept the award; and she will
9 have the opportunity to speak with elected officials about issues
10 of literacy and education; and

11 WHEREAS, a tutor for an estimated 31 years, Mrs. Leatherwood
12 joined the not-for-profit Corinth-Alcorn Literacy Council in July
13 2000. Twenty-seven volunteers currently tutor 31 students
14 locally. She is a tutor trainer and one of the only two tutor
15 trainer supervisors in Mississippi; and

16 WHEREAS, she was most deserving because of her dedication to
17 meet the needs of her students by teaching them to read or improve
18 their reading skills. Those who made the decision must have
19 recognized that her dedication was above and beyond that of the
20 other candidates; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Leatherwood's expertise is helping students
22 overcome dyslexia, a condition that affects one in five Americans
23 and almost every student enrolled in the local literacy program.
24 Her first student was dyslexic, and she has since tutored four
25 with the reading impairment who went on to graduate from college
26 -- one became an engineer and three became teachers; and

27 WHEREAS, free tutoring through the Corinth-Alcorn Literacy
28 Council is primarily available to adults, but relatives of
29 students may be tutored as well; and

30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Leatherwood is a native of the Gift Community
31 in Kossuth, but she has lived, attended school and worked as a
32 champion of literacy in many places. The self-described
33 people-person with a thirst for learning has studied special
34 education, cosmetology, sociology/psychology and chemistry/
35 biology; and

36 WHEREAS, she and husband, Al Leatherwood, will celebrate 50
37 years of marriage in March 2004. She is the mother of Debbie
38 Smith of Selmer, Tennessee, and Dan Leatherwood of Birmingham,
39 Alabama, and has four grandchildren:

40 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
42 we do hereby commend Nadine Leatherwood of Corinth, Mississippi,
43 upon being named the National "Tutor of the Year for 2003" by
44 Pro-Literacy America and Dollar General Store, and wish her
45 continued success in her civic endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
47 Nadine Leatherwood and her family, and be made available to the
48 Daily Corinthian and the Capitol Press Corps.