

By: Representatives Denny, Banks

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING NINA  
2 REDDING UPON HER RETIREMENT AND FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICES  
3 RENDERED TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

4 WHEREAS, Nina Redding, fifteen-year Executive Director of  
5 Habitat for Humanity in Jackson, Mississippi, retired December 31,  
6 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, as a young girl growing up in North Mississippi, Ms.  
8 Redding often wondered about the quality of life in the little  
9 wooden shacks along the road as she stared out of the car window  
10 while her father, a Methodist minister, visited family and  
11 friends; and

12 WHEREAS, decades later, after being introduced to the program  
13 by a fellow member of her church, she found herself assisting  
14 families surrounded by decaying shotgun shacks in Jackson's  
15 inner-city neighborhoods; and

16 WHEREAS, as a volunteer, Ms. Redding, with dedication and  
17 enthusiasm, became Habitat's first salaried director; and

18 WHEREAS, under her leadership and dedication, Jackson's  
19 branch of Habitat for Humanity ranks 16th in the nation for total  
20 houses built, out of more than 1,600 Habitat affiliates; and

21 WHEREAS, having grown into the job, Ms. Redding now speaks  
22 the language of the contractor and leaves behind a legacy of  
23 blessing to those who are less fortunate than so many others and  
24 shares the Christian gift of love; and

25 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
26 such unselfish acts as those rendered by Nina Redding, whose  
27 commitment to making Jackson a more habitable city for so many in

28 need, sets the benchmark of excellence, which epitomizes the  
29 values of Christianity:

30         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
32 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Ms. Nina  
33 Redding upon her retirement as Executive Director of Habitat for  
34 Humanity after fifteen years of diligent and dedicated service and  
35 extend our heartiest wishes for continued success in all her  
36 future endeavors.

37         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
38 furnished to Ms. Nina Redding and to the members of the Capitol  
39 Press Corps.