

By: Senator(s) Simmons, Jordan,  
Thomas, Frazier, Jackson (11th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AND  
2 CHARITABLE COMMITMENT OF MRS. LILLIAN DORIS (WADLINGTON) CAREY ON  
3 THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Lillian Doris (Wadlington) Carey of Lexington,  
5 Mississippi, celebrated her 100th birthday on April 24, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carey was born on April 24, 1903, in the Gages  
7 Springs Community (which is located 9 miles southeast of  
8 Lexington) in Holmes County, Mississippi. She is the youngest of  
9 11 children born to the union of Arthur and Anna Wadlington. Both  
10 of Mrs. Carey's parents and all of her grandparents were slaves;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carey, affectionately known as "Dee," married  
13 Rev. Sam G. Carey, Sr. of Lexington, Mississippi, on August 23,  
14 1927. To this union, the following five children were born: Sam  
15 Jr., Doris Eileen, Roland, Howard and Gladys. Additionally, Mr.  
16 and Mrs. Carey have 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.  
17 Rev. Carey, a faithful husband of 56 years, died in 1983 at the  
18 age of 85. Besides obedience to God, nothing is more important to  
19 Mrs. Carey than family, friends and neighbors; and

20 WHEREAS, she affiliated with Gages Springs Missionary Baptist  
21 Church. After moving to Lexington, she joined Asia Baptist  
22 Church, where she continues to hold membership; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carey received her high school diploma and  
24 teaching certificate from Jackson College in 1926. In 1956, she  
25 earned a B.S. degree from Jackson State College. She did  
26 post-graduate study at Jackson State College (now Jackson State  
27 University) and at Indiana University; and

28           WHEREAS, Mrs. Carey's professional career is as follows:  
29 Hickory Springs Community School, 1926-1928; Lexington Elementary  
30 School, four years during the 1930's; Ambrose Elementary/High  
31 School, 1943-1959; and Lexington Attendance Center, 1959-1970.  
32 Her total years spent as a public school teacher, before her  
33 retirement on July 1, 1970, is 33 years; and

34           WHEREAS, Mrs. Carey holds membership in the following  
35 organizations: Holmes County Retired Teachers Association;  
36 Mississippi Retired Teachers Association; Mississippi Teachers  
37 Association; National Education Association; Jackson State  
38 University Alumni Association; National Council of Negro Women,  
39 Inc.; President, R.C. Lee Federated Club of Lexington; Assistant  
40 Secretary, State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. ;  
41 Secretary, Standard Fraternal Aid Society; and (succeeded her  
42 husband as committee-of-one) Pinkston Cemetery general upkeep; and

43           WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize this landmark  
44 event in the life of a Mississippian whose dedication to public  
45 education, ministry of giving, political participation and local  
46 community involvement stand as a model to the citizens in her  
47 community and to the State of Mississippi:

48           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the educational service and  
50 charitable commitment of Mrs. Lillian Doris (Wadlington) Carey on  
51 the occasion of her 100th birthday on April 24, 2003, and extend  
52 to her the best wishes of the Senate for her future health and  
53 happiness.

54           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
55 Mrs. Carey and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.