

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MRS. MARGARET ROSS  
2 UPON BEING NAMED A RECIPIENT OF *NEWSWEEK* MAGAZINE'S "GIVING BACK  
3 AWARD" FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, Margaret Ross, 73, of Oakland, Mississippi, was  
5 recently designated one of 15 individuals to receive the "Giving  
6 Back Award" presented by *Newsweek* magazine for her exceptional  
7 volunteer service; and

8 WHEREAS, the unofficial social worker of Oakland, Mrs. Ross,  
9 one of Mississippi's well-kept secrets has now been touted to the  
10 world and listed among those who through bravery or generosity,  
11 genius or passion, devote themselves to helping others, including  
12 actor, Brad Pitt; and

13 WHEREAS, like most of Mississippi, a well-kept secret, Mrs.  
14 Ross has been equated with blackberries, an old Sunday dress and a  
15 president's wife, symbolizing the embodiment of Southern charm,  
16 Christian service and the poise of style and grace; and

17 WHEREAS, just as memorable to her hometowners as the "Story  
18 of the Broken Comb," which she carries affectionately, Mrs. Ross  
19 readily and selflessly makes herself accessible to those in her  
20 community who find themselves in need of a friend, a shoulder to  
21 lean upon, a champion of their cause, or in some instances, even a  
22 chauffeur; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ross, a retired librarian by profession,  
24 epitomizes the true meaning of Mississippi hospitality as she has  
25 perfected the gift of discerning the needs of others and in turn  
26 addressing those needs, as evidenced by her continued and lauded  
27 service to her fellowman; and

28           WHEREAS, the extent of her giving includes, raising more than  
29 \$3,000.00 to assist a Hurricane Katrina refugee's family, who  
30 became stranded in Oakland; loading and driving elderly friends  
31 and acquaintances to doctors' appointments; aiding in the prison  
32 ministry; launching a two-year campaign to get social security  
33 benefits for a dear friend suffering from a debilitating heart  
34 disease; and aiding and counseling the homeless and victims of  
35 crimes; and

36           WHEREAS, Oakland's goodwill ambassador, Mrs. Ross has turned  
37 the bad times experienced by the citizens of her community into  
38 good works, and shared the experiences with her family: late  
39 husband, Richard Ross, Sr.; and children, Linda Ross Aldy, Janet  
40 Ross Caulder, Carol Ross, Richard Ross, Jr., and Martha Smith; and

41           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
42 recognize and commend such an outstanding individual as Mrs. Ross,  
43 whose life is a testament of platinum service to her community  
44 that has brought national recognition to herself, her family and  
45 to the State of Mississippi:

46           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
48 commend and congratulate Mrs. Margaret Ross upon being named one  
49 of 15 recipients of *Newsweek* magazine's "Giving Back Award" for  
50 volunteer service and extend heartfelt wishes for continued  
51 health, love and success in all her future endeavors.

52           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
53 furnished to Mrs. Margaret Ross and to the members of the Capitol  
54 Press Corps.