

By: Representative Stevens

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE, SERVICE, RESILIENCE AND  
2 FORTITUDE OF MRS. FELICE FISHER OF WINONA, MISSISSIPPI, DISPLAYED  
3 IN THE MIDST OF ADVERSITY, FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY  
4 AND THE HOSPITALITY EXHIBITED AS AN EMPLOYEE OF CROSSROADS  
5 JEWELERS.

6 WHEREAS, Confucius who is credited with having said, "Choose  
7 a job you love and you never have to work a day in your life,"  
8 must have prophetically envisioned Felice Fisher, lifelong Carroll  
9 County, Mississippi, native and longtime employee of Crossroads  
10 Jewelers; and

11 WHEREAS, born and raised in Vaiden, Mrs. Fisher, whose maiden  
12 name is Vaiden, directly linking her lineage to the founders of  
13 the town, has become synonymous with the Summit Street building in  
14 which she works, where her strident voice resonates fluently  
15 throughout; and

16 WHEREAS, seasoned in the jewelry business for the past three  
17 decades, her life's story is a mixture of both tragedy and joy,  
18 all of which depict her gifts of strength, resilience and  
19 fortitude to overcome the pressures of adversity and rise up from  
20 seemingly insurmountable devastation like a phoenix among the  
21 ashes, more resolute and radiant than before; and

22 WHEREAS, the daughter of a father who was a West Point  
23 Military Academy graduate turned professional baseball player, Tom  
24 Vaiden of the Cleveland Indians, and a mother who was a member of  
25 the Mississippi House of Representatives, Mynelle Vaiden, who  
26 represented the citizens of Carroll County, Mrs. Fisher was  
27 inspired by her parents to strive for excellence through



28 education, and attended Millsaps College for her collegiate  
29 studies; and

30 WHEREAS, providing a living historical account of the legacy  
31 of the Town of Vaiden, Mrs. Fisher recounts the vibrant status of  
32 the town during the depression and has vivid recollection of  
33 passenger train lines like the City of New Orleans and the Panama  
34 Limited making stops in Vaiden from New Orleans en route to  
35 Memphis; and

36 WHEREAS, during the Christmas holidays of 1990, Mrs. Fisher's  
37 life changed forever, as the world she knew was literally shaken  
38 from its foundation and obliterated by a horrific tornado that  
39 swept through Vaiden, and took with it the priceless belongings  
40 and cherished items of sentimental value that spoke to her life  
41 and history in the town; and

42 WHEREAS, the outpouring of support and affection for her in  
43 the wake of the unyielding devastation by the communities of  
44 Vaiden and Winona were far reaching and revealing to the true,  
45 nurturing character of brotherhood when their fellow man is in  
46 need, as evidenced by the giving of clothes, basic essentials and  
47 even a residence; and

48 WHEREAS, 19 years later, she has grown to reacquire things of  
49 personal and sentimental attachment, and that residence, Apartment  
50 No. 13, which was given her by Maurice Ferguson, has become her  
51 home, and daily she is grateful to the Lord for the many blessings  
52 she has received; and

53 WHEREAS, holding ties to Vaiden near and dear to her heart,  
54 Mrs. Fisher has made Winona her permanent home, is a member of the  
55 Moore Memorial Methodist Church, and as far as the mentioning of  
56 retirement, "No way," she exclaims as she describes her work at  
57 Crossroads Jewelers as "the time of her life"; and

58 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
59 recognize and commend such a remarkable individual as Mrs. Fisher,  
60 who has not only stood the tests of life and time, but has also



61 chosen to persevere through those trying moments always being a  
62 living testament to good faith and works:

63         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
64 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
65 commend the life, service, resilience and fortitude of Mrs. Felice  
66 Fisher of Winona, Mississippi, for her contributions to the  
67 community and the hospitality exhibited as an employee of  
68 Crossroad Jewelers, and extend most sincere wishes for continued  
69 happiness, love, joy and success for many years to come.

70         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
71 furnished to Mrs. Fisher and to the members of the Capitol Press  
72 Corps.

