

By: Representatives Wallace, Bozeman, Evans, To: Rules
Fleming, Green (96th), Livingston, Miller,
Reeves, Robinson (63rd), Straughter,
Thornton, Watson, West

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS JROTC
2 PROGRAMS ON WINNING THE HONOR UNIT WITH DISTINCTION AWARD.

3 WHEREAS, eight Jackson Public Schools JROTC programs were
4 recently awarded the Honor Unit with Distinction Award by the
5 United States Army Cadet Command, recognizing these programs and
6 their cadets as being among the top JROTC programs in the country;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the young men and women of the JROTC programs of
9 Bailey Magnet, Calloway, Forest Hill, Jim Hill, Murrah, Provine
10 and Wingfield High Schools are to be recognized as having attained
11 the title of Honor Unit with Distinction and Lanier High School
12 for Honor Unit for the 1998-1999 school year; and

13 WHEREAS, honor units with distinction are among the top 20
14 percent of schools and honor units are among the top 50 percent of
15 schools within the Second Region Headquarters at Fort Knox,
16 Kentucky; and

17 WHEREAS, the Jackson Public Schools have a corps of cadets
18 averaging over 1,400 cadets annually with a dropout rate of less
19 than two percent and a higher education rate of more than 80
20 percent; and

21 WHEREAS, the JROTC programs support community activities,
22 including the Mississippi Arts Festival for special needs
23 individuals, visits to the Sonny G. Montgomery Veterans Hospital
24 and the Mississippi State Veterans Nursing Home, and free car wash
25 services to inner city residents; and

26 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Lucius

27 Wright, the Jackson Public Schools JROTC programs have excelled in
28 community service, academics and higher education; and

29 WHEREAS, these eight schools have demonstrated outstanding
30 teamwork, leadership and scholarship in showcasing their talent
31 and representing the Jackson Public School District and their
32 individual schools by receiving one of the top unit awards that
33 can be bestowed upon a JROTC unit; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
35 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence,
36 especially when evidenced by the young men and women of our state,
37 who are its future:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
40 commend the Jackson Public Schools JROTC programs and Lieutenant
41 Colonel Lucius Wright on receiving the Honor Unit with Distinction
42 Award.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to Lieutenant Colonel Lucius Wright, each of the eight
45 high schools mentioned above and members of the Capitol Press
46 Corps.