

By: Senator(s) Cuevas, Ferris

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 623

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING WILLIAM MICHAEL "MIKE"
2 REED, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BAY ST. LOUIS-WAVELAND SCHOOL
3 DISTRICT.

4 WHEREAS, William Michael "Mike" Reed, born February 24, 1947,
5 serves as the Superintendent of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School
6 District; and

7 WHEREAS, he graduated from Dentsville High School in
8 Columbia, South Carolina, and received his B.S. in 1969, a Masters
9 in Education in 1974 and a Doctorate in Education in 1983, all
10 from the University of Southern Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, he has benefited from numerous other educational
12 programs in his field at institutions of higher learning; and

13 WHEREAS, in his previous positions, he served as
14 Assistant Superintendent in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, Principal
15 of Gulfport High School, Principal of Clinton High School,
16 Principal of George S. Gardiner Junior High School, D.U. Maddox
17 Junior High School, Assistant Principal of R.H. Watkins High
18 School, Director of Drug Education and social studies teacher, all
19 in the Laurel, Mississippi schools, and a social studies teacher
20 in the Jones County schools; and

21 WHEREAS, he has served in numerous civic and professional
22 organizations, having been a member of the Board of Directors of
23 the Mississippi Association of Secondary School Principals, in
24 1989 was selected Mississippi Principal of the Year, was chosen in
25 1990 as one of 35 principals in the nation to attend the
26 Principals' Institute at Vanderbilt University, and has taught

27 graduate level courses in school administration and leadership for
28 the University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey College;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, he was chosen in 1976 as one of the Outstanding
31 Young Men of America and received the Gold Star of Achievement
32 Award from the Mississippi Gulf Coast Drug Abuse Center in 1975;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, he has worked with the Jones County Youth Court
35 Volunteers, was ordained as a Deacon in 1981, served on the
36 Harrison County Chamber of Commerce, Education Subcommittee,
37 Adopt-A-School and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Jackson
38 County Leadership Program; and

39 WHEREAS, he belongs to NASSP, ASCD, MASSP, Red Red Rose, Phi
40 Delta Kappa and MASA; and

41 WHEREAS, his hobbies are hunting, fishing, swimming and
42 reading; and

43 WHEREAS, he developed a drug education program which is
44 considered a model program and which was recently selected by the
45 U.S. Department of Education as one of the best drug prevention
46 programs in the nation; and

47 WHEREAS, one of his strong points is the ability to build
48 consensus and incorporate student, parent and teacher input into
49 the educational programs he oversees; and

50 WHEREAS, among his foremost accomplishments he rates the 1994
51 qualification of Ocean Springs as one of the first two districts
52 in the state to receive Level 5 Accreditation rating, and the
53 passage of a 1996 Bond Issue with 72% of the vote among those of
54 which he is most proud; and

55 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
56 and commend the achievements of the citizens of this state,
57 especially of those who devote their lives and careers to working
58 with the youth of this state, who are our future:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
60 SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we
61 do hereby commend Dr. Mike Reed for his lifelong devotion to the
62 education of the children entrusted to his charge, and for his
63 untiring efforts to improve the quality of public education in

64 Mississippi.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
66 presented to Dr. Reed.