

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee, Kirby, Smith,
Ferris, Dearing

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. MICHAEL B. VINSON ON BEING NAMED
2 THE 1999 NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Michael B. Vinson, Superintendent of Tupelo
4 Public Schools, has been named the 1999 National Superintendent of
5 the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Vinson received his Bachelor of Education and
7 Master of Education Degrees from Mississippi College and earned
8 his Education Doctorate from the University of Southern
9 Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, involved in school administration for over 30 years,
11 Dr. Vinson has held various positions, including elementary school
12 principal, middle school principal and Rankin County
13 Superintendent of Education, supervisor in the Mississippi
14 Department of Education and adjunct professor for Mississippi
15 College; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Vinson's valuable contributions to education
17 from prekindergarten through higher education during his 34-year
18 tenure have positively impacted the well-being of the school
19 children of Mississippi; and

20 WHEREAS, while Superintendent of the Tupelo Public Schools,
21 Dr. Vinson has received numerous professional awards, including
22 the Milken Award, the Presidential Award of Excellence, the Sallie
23 Mae Award, the Teacher of the Year Runner-Up for the State of
24 Mississippi and the Phi Delta Kappa Administrator of the Year; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Vinson has been a member of many professional
26 organizations throughout his career, such as the Mississippi

27 Association of School Superintendents, the American Association of
28 School Administrators, the Forum of National Center of Educational
29 Statistics, the Mississippi Association of School Administrators
30 and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, in addition to Dr. Vinson's involvement in
33 professional organizations, he also attends professional
34 development activities including the National Center for Education
35 Statistics Development Program, the University of Southern
36 Mississippi Leadership Development, the Mississippi Association of
37 Schools Administrators, the Southern Association of Colleges and
38 Schools and Covey Leadership Training; and

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Vinson is also an active member of his community
40 where he serves on the Administrative Board of the United
41 Methodist Church, the Education and Program Committees of the
42 Rotary Club, the Youth and Education Committees of the Tupelo/Lee
43 County Summit on Volunteerism, the Board of Directors for the
44 Family Resource Center and Habitat for Humanity; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend
46 excellence and pay special tribute to such an outstanding leader
47 as Dr. Michael B. Vinson, whose long and distinguished career has
48 enriched the quality of education for students throughout the
49 State of Mississippi:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE,
51 That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Michael B. Vinson
52 on being named the 1999 National Superintendent of the Year and
53 express our appreciation to him for all his contributions in the
54 field of education to the State of Mississippi.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
56 furnished to Dr. Michael B. Vinson, the Tupelo Public School
57 District and the members of the Capitol Press Corps.