

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

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12  
(As Adopted by Senate)

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.