

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND SHOWING APPRECIATION TO EDWARD
2 JOHNSON FOR DEVELOPING THE BICYCLE INCENTIVE FOR KIDS EDUCATION
3 (BIKE) PROGRAM UPON THE OCCASION OF THE SELECTION OF STUDENT
4 WINNERS AT FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

5 WHEREAS, the Bicycle Incentive for Kids Education (BIKE)
6 program rewards elementary students for passing all subjects and
7 obeying the school district's code of conduct, and student winners
8 are selected in an objective manner and receive bicycles during
9 the months of December and May; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Edward Johnson, former Principal of Johnson
11 Elementary School, Jackson, Mississippi, developed the BIKE
12 program in 1988 when two students received bicycles, and
13 encouraged the late Mr. T.G. Blackwell to expand the program to
14 all Jackson Public Schools, which was accomplished in 1989 when 76
15 students received bicycles; and

16 WHEREAS, Edward Johnson retired from the Jackson Public
17 School District in 1992 and was employed in sales at Blackwell
18 Chevrolet where he continues to direct the BIKE program; and

19 WHEREAS, in the 1994 school year, the BIKE program was
20 further expended to include the elementary students of Forest
21 Separate School District, Scott, Simpson and Smith Counties with
22 an additional 24 students receiving bicycles and impacting tens of
23 thousands of elementary students; and

24 WHEREAS, for his leadership in this most worthy program which
25 instills pride and scholarship among elementary students, and for
26 his continuous contributions to the growth and development of many
27 elementary students in the State of Mississippi:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
29 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and show our appreciation
30 to Edward Johnson for developing and administering the Bicycle
31 Incentive for Kids Education (BIKE) program in central Mississippi
32 upon the occasion of the selection of student winners at Forest
33 Elementary School to be held on May 5, 1999, and for his dedicated
34 support and service rendered to public education in Mississippi.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
36 presented to Edward Johnson and to Principal Raymond Clark of
37 Forest Elementary School and be made available to the Capitol
38 Press Corps.