

By: Senator(s) Harvey

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ELLIE JO RICH, PRINCIPAL OF SUMRALL  
2 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.

3 WHEREAS, Ellie Jo Rich has recently announced her retirement  
4 as Principal of Sumrall Elementary School in Sumrall, Mississippi;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, her retirement marks the culmination of a 33-year  
7 career in education, nineteen of which was served as the Principal  
8 of Sumrall Elementary School; and

9 WHEREAS, Ellie Jo Rich was born in Lumberton, Mississippi, on  
10 June 25, 1943, the daughter of the late Garvin and Golda Mae Lee;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Ellie Jo Rich is a graduate of Bassfield High School  
13 in Bassfield, Mississippi, and obtained a Bachelor of Science of  
14 Elementary Education with a minor in Social Studies from the  
15 University of Southern Mississippi in 1966; a Master of Science of  
16 Elementary Education and Remedial Reading from the University of  
17 Southern Mississippi in 1969; and a Specialist in Education of  
18 Elementary with an emphasis in Reading from the University of  
19 Southern Mississippi in 1975; and

20 WHEREAS, Ellie Jo Rich has also completed AA Certification  
21 requirements and AAA Certification requirements in Elementary  
22 Administration at William Carey College in 1978, and Certification  
23 in Adult Education requirements from the University of Southern  
24 Mississippi in 1977; and

25 WHEREAS, Ellie Jo Rich began her educational career as a  
26 second-grade educator at Improve Attendance Center in Columbia,

27 Mississippi; and

28 WHEREAS, Ellie Jo Rich held many positions in the education  
29 field, including Science and Reading educator at Bassfield  
30 Elementary School (1968-1970); Title I Reading Supervisor, Lamar  
31 County, Mississippi (1970-1973); Third-grade educator at Sumrall  
32 Elementary (1973-1979); Instructor in Adult Education at Sumrall  
33 Attendance Center (1977-1980); Director of State 4-H Camp at  
34 Sardis Lake (Summer-1978); Adjunct graduate faculty member at  
35 William Carey College (1979-Present); Chief Examiner, GED Test,  
36 Lamar County, Mississippi (1980-1982); and Principal of Sumrall  
37 Elementary School (1980-Present); and

38 WHEREAS, Ellie Jo Rich is married to Henry Rich, and they  
39 have two daughters, Pamela Rodgers and Jo Lynn Hatten, and one  
40 grandchild, Skylar; and

41 WHEREAS, Ellie Jo Rich's professional and dedicated service  
42 to her students and the teaching profession has earned her the  
43 respect of her peers; and

44 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Mississippi Senate to  
45 commend the noteworthy and dedicated service of the state's  
46 citizens:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
48 MISSISSIPPI, That we commend Ellie Jo Rich upon the occasion of  
49 her retirement as Principal of Sumrall Elementary and wish her  
50 continued success in her endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
52 presented to Ellie Jo Rich and made available to the Capitol Press  
53 Corps.