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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 646  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING TUPELO  
2 MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER JACKIE PARKER ON BEING NAMED MISSISSIPPI'S  
3 2000 TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, Tupelo Middle School teacher Jackie Parker was named  
5 Mississippi's 2000 Teacher of the Year during a banquet held at  
6 the Edison Walthall Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker was selected from a group of finalists  
8 from each of the state's five congressional districts announced  
9 earlier in the month, which included: Lucille Lovett of South  
10 Delta Middle School in the South Delta School District; Erma Gay  
11 Jones of Pearl High School in the Pearl School District; and April  
12 Fowler of Picayune High School in the Picayune School District;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, each school district is asked to submit a Teacher of  
15 the Year nominee; applications are evaluated by an independent  
16 committee; regional finalists are then interviewed for the title  
17 of Teacher of the Year; and

18 WHEREAS, she will receive a \$5,000.00 salary supplement paid  
19 by the Mississippi Department of Education and will be invited to  
20 attend the National Teacher of the Year conference in Dallas, and  
21 will compete in the National Teacher of the Year event; and

22 WHEREAS, Jackie is a teacher of the intellectually gifted and  
23 has 11 years of experience, including nine in her current  
24 position; she is a National Board Certified teacher and has led a  
25 group of candidates working to receive certification since the  
26 fall of 1999; in the summer of 1999, she wrote a manual for

27 integrating technology into middle school curricula; Parker was  
28 named Teacher of Distinction by Create, Inc., and the Marilyn and  
29 Bob Monroe Educational Foundation in 1999; she has also shared her  
30 expertise with several beginning gifted teachers through  
31 mentoring; and

32 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker's dedication and commitment to teaching  
33 every child to learn at their maximum potential is seen not only  
34 on the faces of her students, but also on the faces of parents,  
35 and her enthusiasm toward teaching children is evident in her  
36 lesson plans and training of her fellow educators; and

37 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
38 outstanding educator who has dedicated over 11 years of her life  
39 to teaching and has brought honor to her school, her community and  
40 to the State of Mississippi:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
42 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
43 we do hereby commend and congratulate Tupelo Middle School gifted  
44 education teacher Jackie Parker on being named Mississippi's 2000  
45 Teacher of the Year, express our deepest appreciation for her  
46 service, and wish her continued success in her career and other  
47 endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
49 presented to Jackie Parker, furnished to Tupelo School District  
50 Superintendent Dr. Mike Vinson and be made available to the  
51 Capitol Press Corps.