

By: Lee, Dearing, Moffatt, Farris

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 661

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER OF DR. TED J.
2 ALEXANDER, PRESIDENT OF PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
3 MISSISSIPPI'S PIONEER COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Ted J. Alexander, President of Pearl River
5 Community College in Poplarville, Mississippi, will retire on June
6 30, 2000, after serving over 40 years as a respected teacher and
7 school administrator; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander assumed his position as President of
9 Mississippi's Pioneer Community College in July 1986, and his
10 previous professional employment is as follows: July 1976 to July
11 1986, Superintendent of Schools, McComb Municipal Separate School
12 District, McComb, Mississippi; July 1974 to June 1976,
13 Superintendent of Schools, Newton Special Municipal Separate
14 School District, Newton, Mississippi; July 1973 to June 1974,
15 Principal, Pascagoula High School, Pascagoula, Mississippi; July
16 1972 to June 1973, Sabbatical for Residency in Doctoral Program,
17 University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; July
18 1969 to June 1972, Principal, Pascagoula High School, Pascagoula,
19 Mississippi; July 1966 to June 1969, Principal, Franklin County
20 Attendance Center, Grades 1-12, Meadville, Mississippi; July 1964
21 to June 1966 Guidance Counselor and Assistant Principal, Franklin
22 County Schools, Meadville, Mississippi; August 1959 to June 1964,
23 he began his career as biological and physical science teacher,
24 football, basketball and baseball coach, newspaper and student
25 council sponsor, Meadville, Mississippi; and

26 WHEREAS, his educational background is as follows: 1973,

27 Ed.D., University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg,
28 Mississippi, majoring in Educational Administration with areas of
29 emphasis in School Law, Public School Administration and School
30 Finance; 1964, M.Ed., Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi,
31 (double major), majoring in Administration with areas of emphasis
32 on School Administration and Supervision and School Finance, also
33 majoring in Guidance, with areas of emphasis on Secondary School
34 Guidance and Testing; 1958, B.A. Millsaps College, Jackson,
35 Mississippi with a major in English with areas of emphasis on
36 American Literature and Composition and English Literature; and

37 WHEREAS, for the last 30 years, he was associated at the
38 elementary, secondary and college level with Southern Association
39 of Colleges and Schools accredited institutions; for the past 24
40 years he was Chief Executive Officer at schools and colleges where
41 there were no findings relative to cited conditions of
42 eligibility; for a period of ten years he served as chair for
43 various committees for visiting teams for schools undergoing SACS
44 re-accreditation on the elementary and secondary level, and Pearl
45 River Community College was re-accredited in 1995 with no
46 follow-up required after the Response to the Report of the
47 Reaffirmation Committee; and

48 WHEREAS, Ted's professional and honorary organizations are as
49 follows: American Association of Community and Junior Colleges;
50 American Association of School Administrators; Mississippi
51 Community and Junior College Association; member, Board of
52 Directors, Mississippi Community and Junior College Association
53 Economic Advisory Committee; Mississippi Association of School
54 Administrators; Association for Supervision and Curriculum
55 Development; American Association of School Personnel
56 Administrators; National Alliance for Arts Education; Mississippi
57 Alliance for Art Education; charter member, PRO Club, American
58 Association of School Administrators; Phi Delta Kappa; and his
59 special honors are: recipient of the Edward J. Ransdale

60 Instructional Television Award; recognized by the John F. Kennedy
61 Center of the Performing Arts for contributions to the Arts
62 Education Programs; recipient of the Hardin Scholar Award by the
63 Hardin Foundation, 1972; recipient of the Golden Lamp Award
64 presented by the Mississippi Association of School Administrators,
65 October 1996; American School Board Journal and Executive Educator
66 designee, Executive Educator 100, North America's Top 100 School
67 Executives, January 1987; received for McComb Public Schools,
68 formal designation and recognition of McComb High School as a
69 national model school, the White House, Washington, D.C., by
70 President Ronald Reagan, and Secretary of the United States
71 Department of Education, Terrell Bell, November 1983; elected
72 Mississippi's Lay Delegate to the White House Conference on
73 Library and Information Services, Washington, D.C., 1979 and 1991;
74 and

75 WHEREAS, his professional and community organizational
76 leadership responsibilities have been exemplary: Chairman,
77 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, 1998;
78 Board of Directors, Mississippi Economic Council; past Chairman,
79 Education Committee, Mississippi Economic Council; past Chairman,
80 Mississippi Humanities Council; Chairman, Board of Directors,
81 Mississippi Community College Foundation, 1997-1998; member, Board
82 of Directors, Mississippi Community College Foundation, 1996 to
83 present; Chairman, Finance Committee, Mississippi Community
84 College Foundation, 1996; Vice Chairman, Executive Committee,
85 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges,
86 1996-1997; member, Gulf Coast Conference of School
87 Superintendents, 1996; President, Lower Pearl River Valley
88 Foundation, Picayune, Mississippi; member, adult choir, adult
89 church school teacher, Council on Ministries, United Methodist
90 Church, Poplarville, Mississippi; lay leader, First United
91 Methodist Church, Poplarville, Mississippi; member, Poplarville
92 Rotary Club, Poplarville, Mississippi, member, Poplarville Chamber

93 of Commerce, Poplarville, Mississippi; member, Board of Trustees,
94 Crosby Memorial Hospital, Picayune, Mississippi; and member, Board
95 of Directors, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, Mississippi; and

96 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the community
97 college family in recognizing the dedication and civic leadership
98 of this teacher and administrator whose career has brought honor
99 to his school, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

100 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
101 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
102 we do hereby commend the career of Dr. Ted J. Alexander, President
103 of Pearl River Community College, offering him the thanks of a
104 grateful state, and wish him and his family continued success in
105 all their future endeavors.

106 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
107 presented to Dr. Alexander and his family, and be made available
108 to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and the
109 Capitol Press Corps.