

By: Lee, Dearing, Moffatt, Farris

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 661  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

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.