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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER AND CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
2 MR. T.C. MCLAURIN, SR., OF PEARL, MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, Pearl, Mississippi, has recently celebrated "T.C.  
4 McLaurin, Sr., Day" to recognize the career and civic  
5 contributions of one of its outstanding citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. McLaurin was born September 26, 1903, at the  
7 home of his parents in Braxton, Mississippi; he was the first  
8 child born to James Calvin and Dorcas Taylor McLaurin; he grew up  
9 a happy child along with his brothers and sister; their parents  
10 taught them the value of hard work and the value of education; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. McLaurin attended Rock Hill Missionary Baptist  
12 Church in Braxton from an early age and it was there that he  
13 accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior; he was baptized at  
14 the age of eight and kept his membership at Rock Hill for more  
15 than 65 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. McLaurin's early education began at Rock Hill  
17 School which he attended through the fourth grade; in those days  
18 it could take two years to complete one grade because of very  
19 short school years; when he was old enough to walk to school, he  
20 attended Piney Woods Country Life School, Piney Woods,  
21 Mississippi; he walked six miles each way to and from school  
22 everyday; after completing eighth grade at Piney Woods School, he  
23 transferred to Alcorn College, Lorman, Mississippi, where he spent  
24 eight years (four years of high school and four years of college);  
25 his parents were able to contribute only a portion of the total  
26 expense of attending Alcorn, therefore, soon after he arrived on

27 campus he found a job -- in the cafeteria; all of the money he  
28 earned was used to help pay his tuition, room and board; he kept  
29 that job the entire eight years he spent at Alcorn, working year  
30 round; he went home for visits only occasionally as his finances  
31 would allow and when he was not needed to work; and

32 WHEREAS, in May, 1934, Mr. McLaurin graduated from Alcorn  
33 College with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Education; two  
34 months later he was hired as Principal and Agriculture teacher at  
35 New Hope Vocational High School, Florence, Mississippi; several  
36 years later he married the former Almeda Lockett who later became  
37 a teacher at New Hope; two children were born to this union, Eva  
38 and T.C., Jr.; Mr. McLaurin continued his education and in 1958  
39 earned a master's degree in School Administration from Tuskegee  
40 Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama; and

41 WHEREAS, in 1959, a new school building was constructed at  
42 another location near Florence and New Hope Vocational High School  
43 was moved and renamed McLaurin High School; Mr. McLaurin's career  
44 in Education spanned 38 years during which thousands of students  
45 were educated who continued on to greater endeavors; he retired  
46 from Education in 1972 and moved his church membership to New Hope  
47 Missionary Baptist Church, Pearl, Mississippi, several years  
48 thereafter; he has remained very active physically and mentally,  
49 serving his church, serving his community, engaging in personal  
50 hobbies and enjoying his family which includes three  
51 granddaughters, Kristen, Karen and Monica; and

52 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the City of  
53 Pearl, Mississippi, in recognizing the accomplishments and civic  
54 and charitable contributions of this individual who is an example  
55 to, and has brought honor to his church, his community and to the  
56 State of Mississippi:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
58 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the career and civic  
59 contributions of Mr. T.C. McLaurin, Sr., of Pearl, Mississippi,  
60 and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
62 presented to Mr. McLaurin and his family, and be made available to  
63 the Capitol Press Corps.