

By: Smith, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50
(As Adopted by Senate)

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.