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To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 503

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING JIMMY BUCHANAN UPON HIS  
2 RETIREMENT AS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE COPIAH  
3 COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

4 WHEREAS, Jimmy Buchanan, Assistant Superintendent of  
5 Education, has retired after 36 years of service to the Copiah  
6 County School District; and

7 WHEREAS, Buchanan began his career with the school district  
8 in 1964 and moved up the ranks from teacher and coach to assistant  
9 principal and principal before settling at the district office as  
10 assistant superintendent; and

11 WHEREAS, Buchanan has served as assistant superintendent of  
12 education since 1974, and he has been the only person to serve in  
13 that position for Copiah County Schools; and

14 WHEREAS, Buchanan is a native of Jefferson Davis County where  
15 he was the next to oldest in a family of seven; and

16 WHEREAS, Buchanan graduated from J.E. Johnson High School in  
17 Prentiss, Mississippi, and went to Jackson State University to  
18 earn a B.S. in 1960, and a Master's in 1970; and

19 WHEREAS, Buchanan has worked on a doctorate from Ole Miss;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Buchanan has also been involved with the Copiah  
22 County Economic Development District, formerly the Industrial  
23 Development Foundation, for many years; and

24 WHEREAS, Buchanan is also a member of the Hardy Wilson  
25 Memorial Hospital Board, the Pearl River Basin Development  
26 District Board, the Crystal Springs Chamber of Commerce, and

27 serves as Treasurer of the Mississippi Association of Pupil  
28 Transportation; and

29 WHEREAS, Buchanan is an officer in the Crystal Springs Lions  
30 Club and is an active member of the 100 Black Men of Jackson; and

31 WHEREAS, Buchanan is a member of New Zion United Methodist  
32 Church where he serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee; is  
33 active in the Jackson State University Copleah County Alumni  
34 Chapter; and serves on the Democratic Party Copleah County  
35 Executive Committee; and

36 WHEREAS, both of Buchanan's children were educated in the  
37 Copleah County School District and his wife, Mae Elma, retired from  
38 the school district in 1992; and

39 WHEREAS, his son Jimmy attended South Carolina State on a  
40 football scholarship and is now a Farm Bureau agent, and his  
41 daughter Cynthia earned her Master's degree at Jackson State and  
42 now works for Brown and Williams Tobacco Company; and

43 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to recognize outstanding  
44 citizens such as Jimmy Buchanan, a man who has dedicated his  
45 career to serving and educating the students of Copleah County:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
47 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
48 we do hereby commend Jimmy Buchanan upon his retirement as  
49 Assistant Superintendent of Education for the Copleah County School  
50 District and wish him success in all of his future endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
52 furnished to Jimmy Buchanan and be made available to the Capitol  
53 Press Corps.