

By: Senator(s) Browning

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 590

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING NORTH  
2 PONTOTOC ATTENDANCE CENTER ART TEACHER GAIL MORTON FOR BEING NAMED  
3 SECONDARY ART TEACHER OF THE YEAR BY THE MISSISSIPPI ART EDUCATION  
4 ASSOCIATION.

5 WHEREAS, Pontotoc, Mississippi, has outstanding teachers, as  
6 evidenced at the state level, where Gail Morton, Art Teacher at  
7 North Pontotoc Attendance Center, has been named Secondary Art  
8 Teacher of the Year by the Mississippi Art Education Association;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, North Pontotoc School Principal Russell Taylor said  
11 Gail Morton certainly exemplifies the best of what great teachers  
12 represent by showing her students the basics of art, and also  
13 teaching them to respect art and art history; and

14 WHEREAS, Gail graduated from North Pontotoc High School in  
15 1980, then received her Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts with an  
16 emphasis in Graphic Design from the University of Mississippi; and

17 WHEREAS, after working in the private sector in the field of  
18 graphic design for several years, she returned to teach in the  
19 Pontotoc County School system nine years ago; and

20 WHEREAS, she sees Art as one of the most basic forms of  
21 communication for mankind, and like religion and music, it is a  
22 way of self-expression and self-reflection, which she passes on to  
23 her students; and

24 WHEREAS, Gail's honor is a true testament to her devotion to  
25 the young people of Mississippi, her dedication to the teaching  
26 profession and to her students and their parents, and it is with  
27 great pride that we recognize the achievements of this

28 Mississippian who has brought recognition to her school, her  
29 community and to the State of Mississippi:

30         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
31 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
32 we do hereby commend and congratulate North Pontotoc Attendance  
33 Center Art Teacher Gail Morton for being named Secondary Art  
34 Teacher of the Year by the Mississippi Art Education Association,  
35 and wish her continued success in her professional endeavors.

36         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
37 presented to Gail Morton and furnished to Pontotoc County  
38 Superintendent of Education, Jerry Horton, and be made available  
39 to the Capitol Press Corps.