SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.  593


WHEREAS, Martha Diane Edge Brannan has been nominated and selected by faculty members, administrators and citizens as the Pontotoc County School District 2001 Teacher of the Year and candidate for the statewide Mississippi Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Martha teaches biology, anatomy and physiology at North Pontotoc Attendance Center, has 3-1/2 years of teaching experience and was selected by her peers to represent North Pontotoc for the Phi Delta Kappa Teacher of the Year in 2000; and

WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Blue Mountain College after attending Northeast Mississippi Community College; and

WHEREAS, Martha performs in the classroom like a veteran teacher, she has an uncanny ability to motivate students to learn, disciplines students in a fair and reasonable manner and presents instruction in such a way that her students are able to understand the concept; and

WHEREAS, the three years Martha has taught biology, the students at North Pontotoc have scored well above the state mean score on the statewide biology test, she serves as the lead teacher for the science department at the school, and as a young teacher is open to new ideas and teaching strategies; and
WHEREAS, Mrs. Brannan serves as sponsor for the Beta Club and
is willing to assist in any way to make North Pontotoc High School
a better school; and

WHEREAS, Martha's selection as Teacher of the Year is a true
testament to her devotion to the young people of Mississippi, her
dedication to the teaching profession and to her students and
their parents, and is an example for all beginning teachers in the
State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
we do hereby commend and congratulate North Pontotoc Attendance
Center biology teacher Martha Brannan upon her selection as
Pontotoc County School District Teacher of the Year 2001, and wish
her success in her application for Mississippi Teacher of the Year
and in her future professional endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
presented to Mrs. Brannan and furnished to Principal Steven Carr,
and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.