

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING LINDA KEY UPON BEING NAMED TEACHER OF
2 THE YEAR BY THE MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL
3 CHILDREN.

4 WHEREAS, Pearl School District veteran special education
5 teacher Linda Key has been named Teacher of the Year by the
6 Mississippi Federation of Council for Exceptional Children; and

7 WHEREAS, the council is an international organization whose
8 purpose is to advance the welfare and education of exceptional
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, the council is composed of educators, parents,
11 persons who are gifted or disabled, advocates for those with
12 exceptionalities, and other interested parties; and

13 WHEREAS, each year the council honors its members who have
14 done outstanding work on behalf of children with exceptionalities
15 by presenting various professional awards; and

16 WHEREAS, as state Council for Exceptional Children Teacher of
17 the Year, Linda Key will represent the state in the competition
18 for the International Council's Teacher of the Year Award in March
19 in Kansas City; and

20 WHEREAS, Linda Key has been a special education teacher for
21 28 years and has taught in the Pearl School District the past 22
22 years; and

23 WHEREAS, while at the Pearl School District, Linda Key has
24 been honored as the district's Special Educator of the Year, LDA
25 Teacher of the Year and Lower Elementary School Teacher of the
26 Year; and

27 WHEREAS, in a school where a separate class for special
28 education children had always been the norm, Linda Key started a
29 total inclusion program for kindergarten and first grade; and

30 WHEREAS, Linda earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Jackson
31 State University and also has completed graduate work at the
32 University of Southern Mississippi and post graduate work at
33 Jackson State University; and

34 WHEREAS, Linda Key is a volunteer with the Special Olympics,
35 Very Special Arts Festival and the Mississippi Youth Symphony; and

36 WHEREAS, Linda Key serves as a youth leader at Anderson
37 Methodist Church and an officer in the Neighborhood Homeowners'
38 Association; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
40 commend outstanding Mississippians such as Linda Key, who has
41 dedicated her life to serving not only children with
42 exceptionalities, but also the teachers who work with them:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
44 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Linda Key upon being named
45 Teacher of the Year by the Council for Exceptional Children.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
47 furnished to Linda Key and made available to the Capitol Press
48 Corps.