

By: Senator(s) Browning

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE TEACHERS IN  
2 THE NEW ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY  
3 COMPLETED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION.

4 WHEREAS, several teachers in the New Albany Public School  
5 District have successfully completed National Certification; and

6 WHEREAS, the teachers include Margaret Boyd, Carol Byrd,  
7 Cindy Davis, Sue Marques, Joan Carr, Lisa Mooney, Sherilyn Goode  
8 and Pam Bramlitt; and

9 WHEREAS, Margaret Boyd is a kindergarten and first grade  
10 teacher at Mattie Thompson participating in looping; Cindy Davis  
11 is a first grade teacher at Mattie Thompson; Carol Byrd is a  
12 fourth grade teacher at Ford Elementary; Sue Marques is a  
13 kindergarten and first grade multi-age teacher at Mattie Thompson;  
14 Joan Carr is a multi-age first grade teacher at Mattie Thompson;  
15 Lisa Mooney is a speech pathologist at Mattie Thompson; Sherilyn  
16 Goode is a speech pathologist at Ford Elementary; Pam Bramlitt is  
17 a speech pathologist at the Middle School and W.P. Daniel High  
18 School; and

19 WHEREAS, National Certification is a year-long process  
20 involving the completion of a teaching portfolio and a one-day  
21 assessment. The portfolio includes and presents lessons in four  
22 subject areas. Two of the lessons must be videotaped while it is  
23 being taught. Through this process, the teacher is able to  
24 analyze the lessons to determine their effectiveness in the  
25 classroom. Teachers are also asked to document their  
26 accomplishments in the area of academics, family outreach and  
27 community; and

28           WHEREAS, certification requires teachers to scrutinize their  
29 teaching abilities and find ways to improve. This is an extensive  
30 and exhausting process, including a great deal of work; and

31           WHEREAS, successful completion of the process results in a  
32 \$6,000.00 pay increase, funded by the state. Each teacher pays a  
33 \$2,000.00 fee that is refundable if the process is successfully  
34 completed; and

35           WHEREAS, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards  
36 Certification is a true testament to the devotion of these  
37 teachers to their students and their dedication to the teaching  
38 profession, and is an example for all teachers in the State of  
39 Mississippi:

40           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
41 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
42 teachers in the New Albany Public School District who this year  
43 have successfully completed National Board for Professional  
44 Teaching Standards Certification, and wish them continued success  
45 in their future professional careers.

46           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
47 presented to the teachers named herein, and furnished to New  
48 Albany Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Charles Garrett, and be made  
49 available to the Capitol Press Corps.