

By: Representative Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. PRESTON HUGHES UPON THE KOSCIUSKO
2 LEARNING ENHANCEMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (LEAP) CENTER BEING
3 DECLARED A NATIONAL "POINT OF LIGHT."

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Preston Hughes, a citizen of Attala County,
5 Mississippi, is a West Point graduate and retired U.S. Army
6 Colonel; and

7 WHEREAS, he received a letter dated August 8, 2001, from
8 former President George Bush declaring the Kosciusko Learning
9 Enhancement and Achievement Program Center as a national "Point of
10 Light"; and

11 WHEREAS, in the letter from President Bush, Dr. Hughes'
12 dedication to providing help for at risk students is characterized
13 as a remarkable example of generosity and compassion that aids in
14 bettering our nation's communities; and

15 WHEREAS, LEAP, cofounded by Dr. Hughes, is an award winning
16 after school homework assistance program staffed by teachers and
17 volunteers who provide free tutoring for students in grades K-12;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Hughes and those working in conjunction with him
20 have committed themselves to furthering the success of students
21 throughout the state and nation by extending an invitation to
22 educational leaders to visit the Kosciusko LEAP Center; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Hughes has not only committed himself to
24 promoting education, but has also endeavored to promote racial
25 reconciliation by cofounding "The Club" in 1995; and

26 WHEREAS, "The Club" has been cited by former President Bill
27 Clinton's Initiative on Race Advisory Board as a "promising



28 practice," and is often mentioned in the speeches of former
29 Mississippi Governor William Winter; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Hughes' assets of organizational, people and
31 communicational skills and dedication to the belief of a quality
32 education for all were instrumental in the receipt of the center's
33 honor; and

34 WHEREAS, this noteworthy accomplishment of Dr. Hughes brings
35 national honor and recognition to his family, his community and
36 the State of Mississippi, and it reflects a great credit upon his
37 leadership abilities:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
40 commend Dr. Preston Hughes upon the Kosciusko LEAP Center being
41 declared a national "Point of Light" and wish him great success in
42 his future endeavors.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to Dr. Preston Hughes and to the members of the Capitol
45 Press Corps.

