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To: Rules

By: Senator(s) Chaney, King, Little, Dawkins, Hamilton, Scoper, Chamberlin, Furniss, Michel, Robertson, Turner, Browning, Moffatt, Harvey, Walls, Williamson, Thames, Farris, Jordan, Bryan, Frazier, Gordon, White (5th), Gollott, Mettetal, Hyde-Smith, Jackson, Smith, Burton, Carmichael, Tollison, Dearing, White (29th), Posey, Stogner, Cuevas, Lee

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND PEARL LOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1 PRINCIPAL TARA KIRBY UPON BEING NAMED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2 3 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR. WHEREAS, Pearl Lower Elementary Principal Tara Kirby has been 4 named the school district's Administrator of the Year; and 5 6 WHEREAS, Kirby's nomination will be submitted to the State Department of Education for statewide competition; and 7 WHEREAS, a native of Pearl, Mississippi, Kirby is in her 8 third year as an Administrator at the school; and 9 WHEREAS, Miss Kirby served one year as an Assistant Principal 10 and also taught in the classroom for five years; and 11 WHEREAS, Pearl Lower Elementary School has a 600-member 12 13 student body, consisting of students in Kindergarten and First Grade; and 14 WHEREAS, Principal Kirby is very much in tune with her 15 16 students and staff, always giving the personal touch in her dealings with the school community; and 17 WHEREAS, one part of her outreach and inclusive management 18 style was to institute the use of the Waterford Early Reading 19 20 Program to help Spanish-speaking parents of her students learn 21 English, allowing use of school computers as part of that program; 22 and WHEREAS, Pearl Superintendent Stanley Miller has said, "I 23 couldn't be more pleased with Miss Kirby's work as Principal; 24 she's innovative in her approach, relates well with the children 25

26 and is always fair with staff and parents. We're all proud of

S. R. No. 76 02/SS02/R1472 PAGE 1 27 Miss Kirby and look forward to her participation in state 28 competition. She will represent us well"; and

29 WHEREAS, Miss Kirby is an extremely professional principal30 who is compassionate and hard working; and

31 WHEREAS, she is a principal who is loved by the students at 32 her school; and

33 WHEREAS, one of her major strengths as an administrator is 34 her ability to convey her vision of where the school needs to be 35 and how she plans to move the school community toward those goals; 36 and

37 WHEREAS, Tara Kirby is the daughter of Dean and Jean Kirby of 38 Pearl. She has an undergraduate degree in elementary education 39 and a Master's Degree in school administration, both from 40 Mississippi College; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize 41 and commend outstanding achievement by the citizens of this state, 42 especially those whose work benefits the youth of this state. 43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF 44 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize and commend Tara Kirby 45 upon the occasion of her being named the Pearl School District 46 Administrator of the Year and wish her success in all her future 47 endeavors. 48

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Miss Kirby and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.