

By: Representative Warren

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 86

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DEBBIE
2 LOWERY FOR BEING NAMED COVINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF
3 THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, the Covington County School District has announced
5 that Debbie Lowery is the 2002-2003 District Teacher of the Year;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Lowery is an instructor of Special Populations
8 at the county's Vo-Tech complex, where she provides academic
9 assistance to students in math, and she also tutors after school
10 hours, working with a First Families grant to help students hone
11 math skills; and

12 WHEREAS, a 31-year teaching veteran, this math instructor
13 actually had a difficult time deciding which discipline was meant
14 for her, expecting to gravitate toward English and Literature
15 because she loved to read, and she even surprised herself when she
16 went the mathematics route; and

17 WHEREAS, during Ms. Lowery's first year of teaching in 1972,
18 it didn't take her long to realize that the best way to avoid
19 discipline problems was to have a good lesson, and part of the
20 good lesson was the result of the students completing their
21 homework; and

22 WHEREAS, modeling her love of math by her enthusiastic
23 teaching, this energetic educator continues to make demands on her
24 students in such a way to generate sparks of discovery, making her
25 classroom an active learning environment where students learn by
26 doing and experiencing math, and in addition to learning concepts,
27 her students learn such fundamental life skills as teamwork,



28 responsibility, on-the-job behavior and, most importantly,
29 self-esteem; and

30 WHEREAS, Ms. Lowery received her bachelor of science degree
31 in mathematics from William Carey College in 1972 and her master
32 of education in mathematics/education in 1977 from William Carey
33 College and since then, accolades have followed her consistently,
34 having been named Star Teacher three times during her 16-year
35 tenure at Collins High School, as well as being named Collins High
36 School Teacher of the Year twice and Covington County Teacher of
37 the Year, the first time in 1989; and

38 WHEREAS, Ms. Lowery has made significant contributions to the
39 professional development of education, including conducting a
40 workshop on the "Use of the Computer in the Mathematics Classroom"
41 for teachers in both Covington and Smith Counties, presenting to
42 student teachers at University of Southern Mississippi, serving on
43 a panel of women teachers promoting secondary education to Jones
44 Junior College students and chairing the Curriculum Committees for
45 Covington County, thereby establishing the district curriculum for
46 all secondary math teachers, and more recently, she joined two USM
47 professors in presenting a regional workshop on the Mississippi
48 Gulf Coast for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics;
49 and

50 WHEREAS, over and above the numerous awards she has received,
51 she feels she would be remiss not to specify that her most prized
52 accomplishment is to have the respect and appreciation of her
53 present and former students; and

54 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
55 dedicated educator who has brought honor to her school, her
56 community and to the State of Mississippi:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
59 THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate Debbie Lowery for being



60 named Covington County School District Teacher of the Year, and
61 wish her success in her future professional endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 presented to Debbie Lowery, the Covington County Superintendent of
64 Education and members of the Capitol Press Corps.

