

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JAMES W. HILL,  
2 SR., UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE  
3 LAWRENCE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY AND CAREER CENTER.

4 WHEREAS, longtime Lawrence County educator, James W. Hill,  
5 Sr., has announced his retirement as Director of the Lawrence  
6 County Technology and Career Center; and

7 WHEREAS, James Walter Hill, Sr., is a native of Vicksburg  
8 (Warren County), Mississippi, the son of the late Genora and Mamie  
9 Burks Hill. He received his early education in the Warren  
10 County-Vicksburg Public Schools, where he graduated from Rosa A.  
11 Temple High School in 1959; and

12 WHEREAS, he graduated from Alcorn State University (Alcorn  
13 A&M) in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture  
14 Education. He received a Master's Degree in Agriculture Education  
15 from Tuskegee Institute in 1972, an Endorsement in School  
16 Administration from Alcorn State University, with further studies  
17 at Mississippi State University and University of Southern  
18 Mississippi; and

19 WHEREAS, James began his teaching career with the Lawrence  
20 County School District in July 1964 as an agriculture teacher.  
21 While working as an agriculture teacher, he was honored as  
22 Vocational Agriculture Teacher of the Year by the Magnolia  
23 Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. The district  
24 promoted him from teacher to Title XX Coordinator in 1977, and he  
25 was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Education in 1980, where  
26 he served as Director of Personnel and Technology and Career



27 Education. He has been employed by the Lawrence County School  
28 District for 39 years; and

29 WHEREAS, he was the first Black elected Alderman for the Town  
30 of Monticello and served in that position for twelve years. He  
31 has served on many political committees and received a Political  
32 Award from the Lawrence County Branch of the NAACP in 1986; and

33 WHEREAS, James is a lifetime member of the Alcorn State  
34 University National Alumni Association. He organized and served  
35 as President of the Monticello Alcorn Alumni Chapter for 20 years.  
36 Over the years of recruitment for the University, he has sent many  
37 worthy and deserving students to Alcorn State University. He has  
38 also driven many of our state representatives to the campus,  
39 emphasizing some of the needs of the University. He was selected  
40 "Distinguished Alumni," Presidential Citation, National Conference  
41 on Blacks in Higher Education in 1990; member of the sixth class  
42 of inductees into the Alcorn State University Hall of Honor in  
43 1995; received the 2000 Matthew "Matt" Thomas Outstanding Service  
44 Award and Outstanding Service Award by the Monticello Alcorn  
45 Alumni Chapter; and was elected Alcornite of the Year (2001) by  
46 the Alcorn National Alumni Association; and

47 WHEREAS, his community/professional activities and honors  
48 include: Advisory Board Member, AmSouth Bank; Chairman of the  
49 Board, Family Health Care Clinics/Monticello, New Hebron,  
50 Prentiss, Pelahatchie, Mendenhall and Brandon; Recipient of Family  
51 Health Care Leadership Award; Chairman, Lawrence County Habitat  
52 for Humanity; Honoree, E.M. Graham Award of Excellence, Lawrence  
53 County Chamber of Commerce (1999-2000); Lifetime Member, NAACP;  
54 Past Vice President, Lawrence County Branch; served on the  
55 Resolution Committee of the National NAACP; one of the founders  
56 and Secretary, Board of Directors for the Lawrence County  
57 Educational and Recreational Association; Area Director's Award,  
58 State of Mississippi, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Head Start  
59 Award, Five County Child Development; Past Worshipful Master of



60 Monticello Lodge #348; and Patron of Williams Chapter #452,  
61 O.E.S.; and

62 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill is a member of the Monticello First Baptist  
63 Church, in which he has served in many capacities. He now serves  
64 as Deacon, Adult Sunday School Teacher and Senior Choir Leader;  
65 and

66 WHEREAS, James is married to the former Savannah Burns  
67 (married August 11, 1963) of Vicksburg, Mississippi. They have  
68 two children: James, Jr., and Javannah Latrice Hill-Moore; and  
69 two grandchildren: Jannah and Jordan; and

70 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the public  
71 service of this Mississippian, whose dedication to the youth of  
72 his community serves as a model for all educators in the State of  
73 Mississippi:

74 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
75 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate James W.  
76 Hill, Sr., upon the occasion of his retirement as Director of the  
77 Lawrence County Technology and Career Center and Assistant  
78 Superintendent of Education, and extend to him and his family the  
79 best wishes of the Senate on their future endeavors.

80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
81 James Hill and his family and be made available to the Capitol  
82 Press Corps.

