

By: Senator(s) White, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING OLIVIA BURTON UPON
2 BEING NAMED 2002-2003 JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

3 WHEREAS, Olivia Burton, the great-granddaughter of a slave,
4 was recently named Jackson Public Schools' Teacher of the Year and
5 will represent Jackson Public Schools in the State Department of
6 Education's annual program to name a Mississippi Teacher of the
7 Year; and

8 WHEREAS, Olivia Burton teaches sixth grade language arts and
9 learning disabled students at Siwell Middle School; and

10 WHEREAS, Olivia Burton, a 27-year educator with 12 years'
11 experience teaching in Jackson schools, grew up in a family that
12 made education a priority; and

13 WHEREAS, Olivia Burton's great-grandfather was a slave in the
14 mid-1800's who was taught to read, write and do basic arithmetic
15 by one of his owners; and

16 WHEREAS, education was also a top priority for her
17 grandparents, who sent her mother to Piney Woods Country Life
18 School; and

19 WHEREAS, Olivia Burton is able to bring out the best in
20 students, whatever their level, by inspiring them to achieve; and

21 WHEREAS, her skills as a teacher are greatly enhanced by her
22 love and concern for her students; and

23 WHEREAS, Olivia Burton, the mother of a college-age son and
24 daughter, earned a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Special and
25 Elementary Education from Jackson State University and has
26 completed work toward a Specialist Degree at the University of
27 Alabama; and



28 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Senate finds it most appropriate to
29 recognize and commend outstanding educators such as Olivia Burton,
30 a teacher dedicated to guiding the young people of this state, who
31 are its future:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
33 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Olivia
34 Burton upon being named the Jackson Public Schools' Teacher of the
35 Year and express our deepest appreciation for her services as
36 teacher in the State of Mississippi.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
38 furnished to Olivia Burton and made available to the Capitol Press
39 Corps.

