

By: Senator(s) Browning, Gordon, Nunnelee

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING PAULA WHITLOCK FOR  
2 BEING VOTED "TEACHER OF THE YEAR" AT THE PONTOTOC CAREER AND  
3 TECHNICAL CENTER.

4 WHEREAS, Paula Whitlock of Pontotoc, Mississippi, has been  
5 voted "Teacher of the Year" at the Pontotoc Career and Technical  
6 Center where she teaches Business and Computer Technology; and

7 WHEREAS, her name and accomplishments will now be entered as  
8 a candidate for "Teacher of the Year" in Pontotoc County and  
9 possibly for "Mississippi Teacher of the Year" honors; and

10 WHEREAS, Whitlock had not planned a career in teaching, but  
11 was inspired when she became a facilitator in the electronic  
12 classroom at South Pontotoc High School, where her love for  
13 technology and computers was rekindled, leading to a second  
14 Bachelors Degree in Technology Teacher Education at Mississippi  
15 State University; and

16 WHEREAS, Paula's father had been a teacher and principal, and  
17 now serves as Superintendent of Schools in Scott County,  
18 Mississippi; and

19 WHEREAS, after earning her second degree in May 1998, she  
20 taught the business and computer technology curriculum at the  
21 career center for five months, then taught accounting and computer  
22 applications at North Pontotoc High School before returning to the  
23 career center; and

24 WHEREAS, her goal is to have her students prepared to walk  
25 into a job and be able to immediately go to work, and her  
26 technology course has become very popular with students who may or



27 may not be college-bound; she believes that students only need a  
28 teacher to have confidence in them and be willing to help; and

29 WHEREAS, when she is not in the classroom, she is busy with  
30 her 2-year-old daughter and her husband, she is a First Grade  
31 Sunday School Teacher and Finance Committee Co-chairman at West  
32 Heights Baptist Church, serves as Secretary of the Town and  
33 Country Garden Club, teaches Girls in Action, and is Recording  
34 Secretary of the Pontotoc Woman's Club; and

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
36 accomplishments of this dedicated teacher who gives so generously  
37 of her time, and brings honor to her school, her community and to  
38 the State of Mississippi:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
40 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Paula  
41 Whitlock for being voted "Teacher of the Year" at the Pontotoc  
42 Career and Technical Center and extend to her the best wishes of  
43 the Senate as she is nominated for Pontotoc Teacher of the Year  
44 honors, and in her future endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
46 Paula Whitlock and the Director of the Pontotoc Career and  
47 Technical Center and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

