

By: Senator(s) Chaney, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND  
2 LEADERSHIP OF THE REVEREND WILLIAM V. MARTIN, RECTOR AND  
3 HEADMASTER OF ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL SCHOOL IN VICKSBURG,  
4 MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, the mission of All Saints' Episcopal School in  
6 Vicksburg, Mississippi, has been rejuvenated under the direction  
7 of The Reverend William V. Martin, who serves as Rector and  
8 Headmaster of the coeducational boarding and day institution for  
9 secondary school students; and

10 WHEREAS, All Saints' Episcopal School is a small,  
11 independent, coeducational college preparatory school for boarding  
12 students in Grades 8 through 12, and day students in Grades 7  
13 through 12. All Saints' welcomes young people from a wide ethnic,  
14 racial, religious, economic, social and geographic spectrum. The  
15 school was first envisioned by The Right Reverend William Mercer  
16 Green, the first Episcopal Bishop of Mississippi, who in 1860  
17 determined the need for a Diocesan school for girls. Although the  
18 War Between the States interrupted Bishop Green's dream, in 1908  
19 Bishop Theodore Dubose Bratton, Mississippi's third Episcopal  
20 Bishop, established All Saints' Episcopal College as an all-girls'  
21 college, and in 1971, All Saints' became a coeducational boarding  
22 and day institution for secondary school students; and

23 WHEREAS, times have changed, but All Saints' dedication to  
24 nurturing the intellectual, physical, spiritual and social growth  
25 of its students in a lovingly structured environment continues  
26 nearly a century after Bishop Bratton welcomed the first class.  
27 Located in the historic City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, All  
28 Saints' is situated on 40 acres of landscaped hills. Campus



29 buildings curve in an arc around a dell in which the olympic-size  
30 swimming pool and recreation center are located. All Saints' is  
31 owned by the Episcopal Dioceses of Mississippi, Arkansas,  
32 Louisiana and Western Louisiana. Representatives from those  
33 Dioceses, including their Bishops, along with All Saints' Rector  
34 and Headmaster, comprise the twenty-member Board of Trustees; and

35 WHEREAS, Reverend Martin came to lead All Saints' after a  
36 very active and impressive career in the business sector and in  
37 public service; and

38 WHEREAS, he was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1944; he  
39 graduated from Princeton University in 1966, received his MBA  
40 Degree from Southern Methodist University and his Master of  
41 Divinity Degree from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary; he  
42 became a stockbroker with E.F. Hutton; was employed by the Energy  
43 Company in Dallas, Texas, and the Williams Companies in Tulsa,  
44 Oklahoma and Fayetteville, Arkansas; became Chief Financial  
45 Officer of Arkansas Western Gas Company and became President of a  
46 subsidiary of Southwestern Energy Company; he was elected to the  
47 City Board of Aldermen of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and was elected  
48 Mayor of Fayetteville while he was President of Arkansas Western  
49 Gas; and

50 WHEREAS, after this energetic business career and leadership  
51 in community service, Reverend Martin decided to attend the  
52 Seaburg-Western Seminary in 1993; he became an ordained Priest in  
53 1996, served the Cathedral in Little Rock, Arkansas, served as  
54 Vicar of St. Margaret Episcopal Church in Little Rock, Arkansas,  
55 and was called to become Rector and Headmaster of All Saints'  
56 Episcopal School in Vicksburg, Mississippi; and

57 WHEREAS, Reverend Martin is married to the former Carole  
58 Wilson of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

59 WHEREAS, it is providential that this caring individual with  
60 an energetic background has been sent to be the administrative and



61 spiritual leader of All Saints' at a most important and critical  
62 period in the development of this institution; and

63 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the mission  
64 of the New All Saints' Episcopal School and its leaders, who bring  
65 honor to their community, their faith and to the State of  
66 Mississippi:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
68 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the career, community  
69 service and leadership of The Reverend William V. Martin, Rector  
70 and Headmaster of All Saints' Episcopal School in Vicksburg,  
71 Mississippi, welcome him and his family to Mississippi, and extend  
72 to him and the students of All Saints' the best wishes of the  
73 Senate for the future success of his ministry and his school.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
75 Reverend William Martin, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of All  
76 Saints' Episcopal School and be made available to the Capitol  
77 Press Corps.  
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