

By: Representatives Harrison, Scott, Bailey, Chism, Clarke, Dickson, Ellis, Espy, Fredericks, Gadd, Gibbs, Holloway, Huddleston, McBride, Moore, Nicholson, Pierce, Reed, Reynolds, Robinson (84th), Smith (39th), Thomas, Watson, Whittington To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 MISSISSIPPI HALL OF MASTER TEACHERS.

3 WHEREAS, honorees of the Mississippi Hall of Master Teachers
4 were inducted on December 5, 2003, at the Mississippi University
5 for Women; and

6 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Hall of Master Teachers began in the
7 hearts and minds of those who know and respect great teachers; and

8 WHEREAS, after two years of planning, the concept received
9 the official endorsement of the Governor's Office, the Mississippi
10 Department of Education and the Board of Trustees of Institutions
11 of Higher Learning in 1989; and

12 WHEREAS, established on the campus of Mississippi University
13 for Women, the Hall of Master Teachers held its inaugural
14 induction ceremony in 1991; and

15 WHEREAS, the Hall now has 77 members, including graduates of
16 almost every teacher education program in Mississippi and several
17 from other states; and

18 WHEREAS, the following members were inducted as the Class of
19 2003: Patricia Atkins, a fourth grade teacher at East Corinth
20 Elementary; Gail Hammond, a gifted teacher at Northwest Rankin
21 Middle School in Brandon; Lynn Jones, a second grade teacher at
22 Northwest Rankin Elementary in Brandon; Nettie Mayatt, a retired
23 life science teacher at West Lauderdale High School; Nancy Ray, a
24 gifted teacher at Popular Springs Elementary in Meridian; and
25 Cathy Stewart, a retired first and second grade teacher at
26 Lafayette County Schools; and

27 WHEREAS, the following teachers were also honored as
28 finalists: Anita Boyd, a speech and journalism teacher at R.H.
29 Watkins High School in Laurel; Mary Hardy, an educational provider
30 at Stern Enhancement School in Greenville; Sherrill Wiygul, a
31 biology teacher at Starkville High; and Mitzi Younger, a second
32 grade teacher at New Hope Elementary in Columbus; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and
34 commend outstanding educators such as these honorees, who have
35 dedicated their lives and careers to educating our children, who
36 are the future:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
39 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate each of these
40 honorees of the Mississippi Hall of Master Teachers and express
41 our deepest appreciation for their dedication and commitment to
42 educating our children.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to each of the honorees, Mississippi University for
45 Women and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.