

By: Representatives Hudson, Mims, Moak

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 72

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JOHN A. BULL ON  
2 THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED  
3 SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS  
4 TEACHER, PRINCIPAL AND COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

5 WHEREAS, John A. Bull has devoted nearly 30 years of service  
6 to the children of Lawrence County, serving as teacher, principal  
7 and superintendent of education; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Bull is recognized for his twelve-year tenure as  
9 county superintendent of education, during which time he  
10 demonstrated his personal commitment to each of the schools of the  
11 county and their students by developing and maintaining quality  
12 education, creating financial stability and by having foresight,  
13 therefore initiating innovative methods; and

14 WHEREAS, for the first time ever, Mississippi schools  
15 received school performance classifications, and the preliminary  
16 rating for each Lawrence County school is as follows: Monticello  
17 Elementary School, Level-4 exemplary; Rod Paige Middle School,  
18 Level-4 exemplary; Lawrence County High School, Level-4 exemplary;  
19 New Hebron Attendance Center, Level-3 successful; and  
20 Topeka-Tilton Attendance Center, Level-4 exemplary.

21 WHEREAS, Superintendent Bull deserves recognition for the  
22 schools which experienced significant achievement gains, because  
23 teachers were working in teams at the grade and subject levels to  
24 assure the success of all students with each school having an  
25 active school improvement team; and

26 WHEREAS, John Bull's public education career is a matter of  
27 record: Education: (1965) graduated from Stone County High  
28 School; (1972) associates degree, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community

29 College; (1973) bachelor's degree, Mississippi State University;  
30 (1975) master's degree, Mississippi State University; (1979)  
31 education specialist degree, Mississippi State University; and  
32 (1984) education administration, University of Southern  
33 Mississippi. Career: (1974-1980) teacher, vocational agriculture  
34 at Topeka Tilton; (1980-1983) principal, Topeka Tilton School;  
35 (1983-1984) vocational administration, Copiah-Lincoln Junior  
36 College; (1984-1986) teacher, vocational agriculture, New Hebron;  
37 (1986-1991) Director of Vocational Programs, Lawrence County  
38 School District; (November 1991) Superintendent of Education,  
39 Lawrence County Schools; (1995-1999) second term; (1999-2004)  
40 Superintendent of Education, third term. Associations:  
41 Mississippi Association of Vocational Education; past  
42 secretary/treasurer; past board of directors member; past district  
43 president. Topeka Baptist Church member; deacon; Sunday school  
44 director; past Sunday school and discipleship training teacher and  
45 past church treasurer. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce; past  
46 chairman of education; past board of directors. Copiah-Lincoln  
47 Junior College; (1983-1984) JTPA supervisor; (1992-present) member  
48 of board of trustees; and

49 WHEREAS, Superintendent Bull was responsible for overseeing  
50 the following physical improvements in the district: Ninth Grade  
51 wing addition Lawrence County High School; addition to Monticello  
52 Elementary School; construction of multi-purpose building; tech  
53 prep-discovery labs at Rod Paige, New Hebron and Topeka Tilton;  
54 renamed Monticello Junior High to Rod Paige Middle School;  
55 construction of softball field and field house; construction of  
56 batting cage and lights; construction of track; addition of new  
57 bleachers; construction of additional restrooms for Lawrence  
58 County High School; parent center; and

59 WHEREAS, Mr. Bull has generously given his time, expertise  
60 and resources to other educational institutions, communities and  
61 charities; and

62           WHEREAS, Mr. Bull's leadership skills have led to numerous  
63 unique and creative mechanisms which have contributed to  
64 establishing quality education across Lawrence County and the  
65 State of Mississippi:

66           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
67 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
68 commend and congratulate John A. Bull for his nearly 30 years of  
69 dedicated service to the children of Lawrence County, Mississippi,  
70 as teacher, principal and county superintendent of education, and  
71 salute him for a lifetime of achievement in public education on  
72 the occasion of his retirement.

73           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
74 furnished to Superintendent John Bull, the Lawrence County Board  
75 of Education and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.