

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 511

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

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 (1972) Associates degree Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College;

29 (1973) Bachelor's degree Mississippi State University; (1975)
30 Master's degree Mississippi State University; (1979) Education
31 Specialist degree Mississippi State University; and (1984)
32 Education Administration University of Southern Mississippi.
33 Career: (1974-1980) Teacher, Vocational Agriculture at Topeka
34 Tilton; (1980-1983) Principal, Topeka Tilton School; (1983-1984)
35 Vocational Administration Copiah-Lincoln Jr. College; (1984-1986)
36 Teacher, Vocational Agriculture New Hebron; (1986-1991) Director,
37 Vocational Programs, Lawrence County School District; (November
38 1991) Superintendent of Education, Lawrence County Schools;
39 (1995-1999) second term; (1999-2004) Superintendent of Education,
40 third term. Associations: Mississippi Association of Vocational
41 Education; Past Secretary/Treasurer; Past Board of Directors
42 Member; Past District President. Topeka Baptist Church Member;
43 Deacon; Sunday School Director; Past Sunday School and
44 Discipleship Training Teacher and Past Church Treasurer. Lawrence
45 County Chamber of Commerce; Past Chairman of Education; Past Board
46 of Directors. Copiah-Lincoln Community College; (1983-1984) JTPA
47 Supervisor; (1992-present) Member of Board of Trustees; and

48 WHEREAS, Superintendent Bull was responsible for overseeing
49 the following physical improvements in the district: 9th Grade
50 wing addition Lawrence County High School; addition to Monticello
51 Elementary School; construction of multi-purpose Building; Tech
52 Prep-Discovery Labs at Rod Paige, New Hebron and Topeka Tilton;
53 renamed Monticello Junior High to Rod Paige Middle School;
54 Construction of softball field & field house; construction of
55 batting cage and lights; construction of track; addition of new
56 bleachers; construction of additional restrooms for Lawrence
57 County High; Parent Center; and

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

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

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

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
73 Superintendent Bull and his family, forwarded to the Lawrence
74 County Board of Education and be made available to the Capitol
75 Press Corps.