

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 533

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND KIM LAFONTAINE, A TEACHER
2 AT PEARL HIGH SCHOOL, UPON BEING NAMED A MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION
3 NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD RECIPIENT.

4 WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator
5 Awards Program, established in 1985, provides public recognition
6 and financial rewards to teachers, principals and other education
7 professionals who are furthering excellence in education; and

8 WHEREAS, the nominees must have distinguished achievement in
9 developing innovative educational curricula, programs or teaching
10 methods, outstanding ability to instill in students sound values
11 and self-confidence, commitment to professional development and
12 excellence, and outstanding ability to develop children's
13 understanding of the direct bearing that classroom activities and
14 real world activities have on one another; and

15 WHEREAS, the nominees are selected by a blue-ribbon panel
16 chosen by the State Department of Education; and

17 WHEREAS, Kim LaFontaine of Pearl, Mississippi, has been a
18 model teacher at Pearl High School; and

19 WHEREAS, the Pearl High School teacher has been named as a
20 winner of the 2003 Milken Family Foundations National Educator
21 Awards; and

22 WHEREAS, Milken award nominees are secretly nominated by
23 colleagues and are told of the honor in a surprise presentation;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the Milken Foundation gives the awards in 47 states,
26 with Mississippi having been a participant state since 1991; and

27 WHEREAS, Ms. LaFontaine joins 41 other Mississippi educators
28 who have been honored; and

29 WHEREAS, she will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington,
30 D.C. in May of 2004; and

31 WHEREAS, Kim LaFontaine is praised by students and teachers
32 alike, who appreciate her care, concern and supportiveness; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
34 and commend excellence and dedication to the State of Mississippi,
35 especially when evidenced by Mississippi's foremost educators:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
38 we do hereby commend and congratulate Ms. Kim LaFontaine upon her
39 selection as a recipient of a 2004 Milken Family Foundation
40 National Educator Award.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 presented to Ms. LaFontaine and be made available to the Principal
43 at Pearl High School and the Capitol Press Corps.