

By: Senator(s) King

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 587

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARCUS WARE FOR HIS MANY
2 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PETAL SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

4 WHEREAS, Marcus Ware, longtime Chairman of the Petal School
5 Board ("School Board"), has recently resigned; and

6 WHEREAS, his resignation was the culmination of 15 years of
7 dedicated service on the Petal School Board, 14 of those years as
8 Chairman; and

9 WHEREAS, Ware moved to Petal, Mississippi, in April of 1974,
10 at the time that Petal was incorporated as a city; and

11 WHEREAS, Ware became active in the school district when his
12 daughter and son entered the Petal School District and, at the
13 insistence of many of his friends, applied for a post on the
14 School Board; and

15 WHEREAS, the School Board has five members, three of whom are
16 appointed by the Petal Board of Aldermen and two are elected from
17 outside the city limits; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1989, Ware received his appointment to the School
19 Board and began to give his time and efforts to the Petal School
20 District; and

21 WHEREAS, during Ware's tenure on the School Board, the
22 schools all became Level 5 accredited, the district formed its own
23 police department and new classrooms and the performing arts
24 center were constructed; and

25 WHEREAS, he also participated in the decision to build a
26 sports enhancement facility at the high school and in the
27 selection of two superintendents; and

28 WHEREAS, Ware's accomplishments while leading the School
29 Board are numerous: beginning the first Polymer Science Program
30 in the state; art teachers at each school; counselors at each
31 school, a computer system course at the high school, establishment
32 and expansion of a nationally-recognized parenting center;
33 establishment of Petal School District Police Department; hiring
34 of two nurses in the district; expanded use of technology in the
35 district; construction of approximately 50 classrooms and a total
36 of 150,000 square feet of buildings; construction of the tennis
37 complex; construction of the Petal Performing Arts Center;
38 construction of soccer field; construction of music buildings at
39 three schools; consistent Level 5 accountability rating of
40 district; one of two districts in the state in 2002-2003 with all
41 schools meeting AYP and receiving Level 5 performance
42 classification; ACT scores at the national average for all
43 students and above the national average for core completers
44 (2003); and

45 WHEREAS, even though Ware is resigning from the School Board,
46 he has vowed to remain one of the district's greatest supporters;
47 and

48 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
49 dedicated service and constructive leadership of individuals such
50 as Marcus Ware, who contributed so much to the school district and
51 community:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
54 we do hereby commend Marcus Ware for his many years of service to
55 the Petal School District.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 Marcus Ware and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.