

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 55

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER AND DEDICATED PUBLIC
2 SERVICE OF VETERAN EDUCATOR JAMES THOMAS (TOMMY) FOSTER, PRINCIPAL
3 AT GUNTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, veteran teacher and administrator in the Lee County
5 School District and Lafayette County School District, James Thomas
6 (Tommy) Foster is retiring after 33 1/2 years as a respected
7 educator; and

8 WHEREAS, Tommy Foster presently serves as Principal at
9 Guntown Middle School, where he is known as an effective
10 administrator whose ultimate goal is student well-being and
11 proficiency in reading and mathematics; and

12 WHEREAS, Tommy Foster was born on May 8, 1947, graduated from
13 Yocona High School in Oxford, Mississippi in May of 1965, and
14 graduated from the University of Mississippi (Bachelor of Arts
15 Degree in Education-June 1969) and (Masters Degree in
16 Education-August 1972); and

17 WHEREAS, he taught for 1 year in the Quitman County schools
18 in Marks, Mississippi, before serving from 1970-1996 as a Teacher,
19 Assistant Principal and Principal in the Lafayette County School
20 District, served temporarily at Coffeenville High School and as
21 Principal at Parkwood School in Olive Branch, Mississippi, before
22 his final tenure of 5 years in the Lee County School District at
23 Shannon Elementary and Guntown Middle School; and

24 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
25 dedicated service of this professional educator who has brought
26 experience and leadership to the children of his community and the
27 State of Mississippi:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
29 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. James
30 Thomas (Tommy) Foster, Principal at Guntown Middle School in the
31 Lee County School District, for his dedicated service as educator
32 and administrator upon the occasion of his retirement, and extend
33 to him and his family the best wishes of the Senate for their
34 future success and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
36 Tommy Foster and his family, be forwarded to the Superintendent of
37 the Lee County School District and be made available to the
38 Capitol Press Corps.