

By: Senator(s) Robertson, Moffatt

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER OF MUSIC EDUCATOR ELAINE
2 COX OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI, AND CONGRATULATING HER ON THE
3 OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Elaine H. Cox, respected elementary music educator
5 for the Pascagoula School District, and wife of Lofton Cox, is
6 retiring after 30 years of dedicated service to the children of
7 Jackson County and the Mississippi Gulf Coast; and

8 WHEREAS, Elaine H. Cox attended Belhaven College and received
9 a Bachelor of Music Education Degree from the University of
10 Southern Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, she began her career at South Elementary School in
12 Pascagoula, Mississippi in 1974. She taught at Gautier Elementary
13 School from 1977-2000 and Martin Bluff Elementary School from 2000
14 to present; and

15 WHEREAS, she is a member of the Music Educators National
16 Conference and the Mississippi Music Educators Association where
17 she served as Treasurer in the Elementary Division. She served as
18 Chairperson of the Mississippi Elementary Honor Choir in 1996 and
19 1997; and

20 WHEREAS, she has directed numerous musical productions with
21 students throughout her 30 years. She has been active in numerous
22 school/parent organizations such as the PTA, Band Parents and High
23 School Chorus Parents Association. She organized and worked with
24 6th grade chorus for the Pascagoula School District. She
25 organized and worked with Gautier Community 6th Grade Chorus and
26 has chaired PTA Cultural Arts and Talent Shows; and

27 WHEREAS, Elaine was selected "Educator of the Year" by the
28 Gautier Jaycees in 1981, "Teacher of the Year" by Gautier
29 Elementary PTA in 1986, "Teacher of the Year" by the Pacagoula
30 City Council in 1987, "Teacher of the Year" by Gautier Elementary
31 School faculty in 1988, "Teacher of the Year" by Gautier
32 Elementary School PTA in 1995 and "Teacher of the Year" by Martin
33 Bluff Elementary School faculty in 2003; and

34 WHEREAS, she is a 27-year resident of Gautier, Mississippi.
35 She and husband Lofton have one daughter, Kimberly, a student at
36 the University of Southern Mississippi; and

37 WHEREAS, she was selected to serve as the Mullet Queen at the
38 Annual Gautier Mullet Festival in 2000. She is active with the
39 music ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gautier; and

40 WHEREAS, she has touched the lives of many students in her 30
41 years as an educator in the public schools and as a private piano
42 instructor, and it is with great pride that we recognize the
43 career of this dedicated music educator who has brought honor to
44 her school, her community and to the State of Mississippi:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, That we hereby commend the career of veteran music
47 educator Elaine Cox of Gautier, Mississippi, and congratulate her
48 on the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of dedicated
49 service in the public schools, and extend to her and her family
50 the best wishes of the Senate on their future endeavors.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
52 Elaine Cox and her family, forwarded to the Superintendent of the
53 Pascagoula School District and be made available to the Capitol
54 Press Corps.