

By: Senator(s) Robertson, Moffatt, Albritton, Browning, Burton, Butler, Carmichael, Chamberlin, Dawkins, Frazier, Gollott, Harden, Hewes, Hyde-Smith, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd), King, Kirby, Lee (35th), Little, Mettetal, Nunnelee, Pickering, Thames

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.