

By: Representatives Mayo, Woods, To: Rules
Jennings, Baker (8th), Hamilton
(6th), Mayhall, Pierce, McCoy

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF WENDELL DAVIS FOR HIS
2 MANY YEARS OF CONTRIBUTION AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DESOTO
3 COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Wendell Davis will retire as an employee of the
5 DeSoto County School District after more than 42 years of
6 committed and diligent service to the educational advancement of
7 students in DeSoto County; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Memphis, Mr. Davis
9 began his career in education as a teacher at Olive Branch High
10 School in 1962; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis has been with the DeSoto County School
12 District for 42 years, serving first as a chemistry teacher and
13 then as an assistant principal at Olive Branch Middle School,
14 followed by ten years as principal at Olive Branch High School;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the backbone of the DeSoto County School District
17 for years, Mr. Davis has been instrumental in keeping the DeSoto
18 County schools at the cutting edge of technology; and

19 WHEREAS, while rising through the ranks as a school
20 administrator as principal of both Olive Branch Middle School and
21 Olive Branch High School, one of his proudest accomplishments was
22 the smooth, successful integration of the middle school in 1970;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis will retire from his current position at
25 the DeSoto County Central School Board Central Office as assistant
26 superintendent of schools for business, finance and technology,
27 which he has filled since 1992, wherein he assisted in

28 spearheading the 1993 bond issue of \$35 million, as well as the
29 2004 bond issue of \$115 million; and

30 WHEREAS, a native of Arkansas, Mr. Davis is married to Sharon
31 Davis and together they have two daughters and five grandchildren,
32 all of whom have lovingly supported him in all his endeavors; and

33 WHEREAS, through tireless dedication and loving patience, Mr.
34 Davis has made Mississippi a greater state by educating our
35 children to become productive, God-fearing, responsible citizens
36 who will write the next chapter in the book of Mississippi's
37 history; and

38 WHEREAS, we, the entire citizenry of the State of
39 Mississippi, owe an immeasurable debt to such outstanding
40 individuals as Mr. Davis, who has passed on the torch of
41 education, as he moves on to the lighter days of his awaited
42 retirement; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
44 commend excellence especially when evidenced by individuals of Mr.
45 Davis' caliber who has dedicated so many years of his life to
46 developing and cultivating the minds of the many young
47 Mississippians with whom he has come in contact during his
48 illustrious career:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
51 commend and congratulate Mr. Wendell Davis upon his retirement
52 after 42 years of dedicated and exemplary service to the DeSoto
53 County School District, and we extend to him our heartiest wishes
54 for success in all his future endeavors.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
56 furnished to Mr. Wendell Davis and to the members of the Capitol
57 Press Corps.