

By: Senator(s) Flowers,
Chamberlin

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING WENDELL DAVIS FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF
2 DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
3 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 services 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 10 years as Principal at Olive Branch High School; and

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

18 WHEREAS, rising through the ranks as a school administrator,
19 he served as Principal of both Olive Branch Middle School and
20 Olive Branch High School, overseeing the successful integration of
21 the Middle School in 1970; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis will retire from his current position at
23 the DeSoto County School Board Central Office as assistant
24 Superintendent of Schools for Business, Finance and Technology,
25 which he has filled since 1992, wherein he assisted in
26 spearheading the 1993 bond issue of \$35 Million, as well as the
27 2004 bond issue of \$115 Million; and

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

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

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

40 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize this public
41 servant who has dedicated so many years of his life to developing
42 and cultivating the minds and bodies of young Mississippians:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
44 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr.
45 Wendell Davis upon his retirement after 42 years of dedicated and
46 exemplary service to the DeSoto County School District, and we
47 extend to him our heartiest wishes for success in all his future
48 endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 presented to Mr. Wendell Davis and be made available to the
51 members of the Capitol Press Corps.