

By: Representative Fillingane

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 65

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING OAK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL UPON BEING  
2 NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
3 EDUCATION.

4 WHEREAS, now in an elite group of slightly more than 250  
5 schools nationwide, Oak Grove High School was named a Blue Ribbon  
6 School last September by the United States Department of  
7 Education; and

8 WHEREAS, with well over 100,000 public and private schools in  
9 the country, Oak Grove became one of only four schools in the  
10 state in a pool of less than 300 schools nationwide to lay claim  
11 to Blue Ribbon School status, representing less than half a  
12 percent of the nation's schools receiving this grand honor; and

13 WHEREAS, since 1982, the Department of Education has named  
14 Blue Ribbon Schools to recognize excellence, awarding schools Blue  
15 Ribbons because they exemplify the great promise of "No Child Left  
16 Behind"; and

17 WHEREAS, the quantitative criteria employed in selecting  
18 schools for Blue Ribbon status consist of three elements: schools  
19 with a high percentage of disadvantaged students that are making  
20 dramatic improvements on state assessments, schools whose students  
21 score in the top 10 percent on state tests and private schools  
22 that perform in the top 10 percent of schools nationally; and

23 WHEREAS, because of the commitment and dedication of the  
24 administrators and teachers, coupled with the drive, ambition and  
25 perseverance of the students, Oak Grove High School has set the  
26 benchmark of excellence in education by receiving such a widely  
27 acclaimed honor; and

28           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the House of  
29 Representatives recognizes such remarkable accomplishments of our  
30 state's schools, administrators, teachers and students:

31           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
33 commend Oak Grove High School upon being selected as a Blue Ribbon  
34 School by the United States Department of Education.

35           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
36 furnished to Oak Grove High School and to the members of the  
37 Capitol Press Corps.