

By: Representatives Lott, Davis, Fillingane, Frierson, Watson, Barnett To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 88

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. JAMES HUTTO UPON BEING NAMED 2005
2 MISSISSIPPI SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. James Roderick Hutto, who has been
4 Superintendent of the Petal School District since 1998, was
5 recently named 2005 Mississippi Superintendent of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Petal School District has
7 added approximately 40 new classrooms, a 1,000-seat auditorium, a
8 new middle school music/dance building, new athletic facilities,
9 new educational programs and a Senior Exit Project required for
10 each graduating senior; and

11 WHEREAS, under his astute leadership, Petal School District
12 was recognized as one of only two school districts in the state
13 with all Level 5 schools in 2003, in addition to having the
14 district's graduating seniors score in the national average on the
15 ACT and above national average for core completers; and

16 WHEREAS, a veteran professional educator in the State of
17 Mississippi for 34 years, Dr. Hutto, who received his associate of
18 arts degree from Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, followed by his
19 bachelor of science, master of education and doctor of education
20 degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi, and served as
21 Superintendent of the Poplarville School District for four years
22 prior to coming to Petal; and

23 WHEREAS, a native of Brookhaven, Dr. Hutto has been an active
24 member of the USM Alumni Association for 34 years, during which
25 time he has served as president of a local alumni chapter and on
26 the Board of Directors of the USM Alumni Association; and

27 WHEREAS, a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Mississippi Association
28 of School Administrators, Association for Supervisors and
29 Curriculum Development and American Association of School
30 Administrators, Dr. Hutto has been published in several national
31 journals of education, including *Kappan Journal*, *NASSP Bulletin*
32 and *Educational Leadership*; and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Hutto and his wife, Allen, are active members of
34 Petal Harvey Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon and
35 teaches a college and career Sunday School class; and

36 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend
37 excellence, especially when exhibited by capable educational
38 administrators such as Dr. Hutto, whose leadership ability has
39 prospered and expanded the Petal School District:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
42 commend and congratulate Dr. James Hutto upon his selection as
43 2005 Mississippi Superintendent of the Year and express our
44 warmest wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
46 furnished to Dr. James Hutto, the Petal School District School
47 Board and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.