

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DR. ETHEL A. YOUNG-MINOR, ASSOCIATE
2 PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND
3 CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Ethel A. Young-Minor, Associate Professor of
5 English and Afro-Studies, the University of Mississippi (Ole
6 Miss), was nominated to the Board of Trustees of State
7 Institutions of Higher Learning for commendation in recognition of
8 Black History Month; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Minor received her Ph.D. in English from Bowling
10 Green State University (1997); M.A. in English from Bowling Green
11 State University (1992); and B.A. in English from University of
12 Tennessee (1990); and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Minor began her career as a Graduate Instructor
14 at Bowling Green State University. She joined the staff of the
15 University of Mississippi in 1996 as Associate Professor of
16 English and Afro-Studies; and

17 WHEREAS, as an African-American female growing up in Memphis,
18 Tennessee, Dr. Minor overcame experiences that trap so many to
19 fail. Dr. Minor's academic research has a large academic
20 audience, and is called upon constantly to give lectures, keynote
21 addresses, seminars and conferences in the Oxford and surrounding
22 areas. She is able to use her academics to create systematic
23 social changes—the true characteristic of an academician; and

24 WHEREAS, aside from Dr. Minor's "normal service" which
25 typically includes the responsibilities associated with Ole Miss'
26 African-American Studies Program, coordinating efforts of the
27 annual Black History Month program, chairing committees as an

28 Associate Professor in English and chairing committees of the
29 Black Faculty and Staff organization, the university is uniquely
30 benefited by Dr. Minor's presence on campus because of a
31 perspective that she brings to the decision table that would
32 otherwise not be represented or lost to a mistaken decision; and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Minor is a constant speaker at various functions
34 on campus and her "alternative voice" provides an enrichment in
35 students' education experience that would otherwise be missed.

36 Her service extends to literature, to art, to science areas, and
37 to the philosophical core of the university. She serves as a
38 bridge between the university and a local minority community; and

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Minor's civic and community involvement includes
40 organizer of Oxford Conference for the Book, an International
41 Celebration of Writing and Celebration; organizer of Gospel in the
42 Grove, a musical celebration including students from Arkansas,
43 Mississippi and Tennessee from historically black and historically
44 white colleges; District Women's Teacher for Tallahatchie-Oxford
45 Missionary Baptist Church Association, organization of 18 black
46 churches in Lafayette and Tallahatchie Counties; Associate
47 Minister, Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Taylor, Mississippi,
48 Organizer, Women's Empowerment Conference, Taylor, Mississippi;
49 and

50 WHEREAS, Dr. Minor's professional memberships and activities
51 include: member of College Language Association, Modern Language
52 Association, Zora Neale Hurston Society, Mid-Atlantic Writer's
53 Association, Tallahatchie/Oxford Ministerial Alliance; and

54 WHEREAS, Dr. Minor has been recognized for her work by
55 receiving the following honors and awards: College of Liberal
56 Arts Teacher of the Year (2003); Mississippi Humanities Council
57 Teacher of the Year (2003); Grammy-Nomination, Gospel Choir CD
58 (2001); English Department Summer Research Grant (2001); Black
59 History Committee Outstanding Service Award (2001); Apollo
60 Faculty/Staff Legendary Achievement Award (2001); Alpha Kappa

61 Faculty/Staff Service Award (2000); Finalist for University of
62 Mississippi 1998-1999 First Service Award; recognized for impact
63 on student life at Ole Miss, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
65 MISSISSIPPI, That we take pride in recognizing Dr. Ethel
66 Young-Minor, Associate Professor, University of Mississippi, in
67 observance of Black History Month for her past performance, her
68 current leadership and her future potential in addressing issues
69 with respect to race relations and diversity which greatly impact
70 the lives of students, faculty and staff at Ole Miss and civic
71 leaders in the Oxford Community.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
73 Dr. Minor in recognition of her commitment to excellence in
74 education, be forwarded to the Chancellor of the University of
75 Mississippi and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.