

By: Representative Bondurant

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND THE MANY  
2 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE OF DR. MERVIN BAKER (BUDDY) PENDER UPON  
3 HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Mervin Baker (Buddy) Pender has been a lifelong  
5 resident of Mississippi, having received his high school diploma  
6 from Binford High School in Duck Hill, Mississippi, his associate  
7 of arts degree from Holmes Community College and his bachelor's,  
8 master's and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of  
9 Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Pender has served his community of Grenada,  
11 Mississippi, faithfully as a teacher, coach, principal, and since  
12 1984, as superintendent of the Grenada Public Schools; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Pender has further served in his community as a  
14 teacher in the Sunday School of the First United Methodist Church  
15 for over 30 years, as a leader in the arts in Grenada and as a  
16 leader in numerous civic organizations and service clubs; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Pender has received honors from numerous  
18 professional school organizations and has most recently been  
19 elected to the office of President of the Mississippi Association  
20 of School Superintendents; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Pender has announced his plans to retire on June  
22 30, 2005, after a lifetime of service to the school children of  
23 Grenada, Mississippi; and

24 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
25 recognize and commend the diligence of Dr. Pender in remaining  
26 committed to the task of promoting education, serving as an  
27 effective administrator, colleague and friend and grooming a new

28 class of citizens for the world ahead of them by providing quality  
29 and exceptional educational programs and opportunities:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
32 commend the distinguished career and many years of dedicated  
33 service of Dr. Mervin Baker (Buddy) Pender upon his retirement and  
34 express our heartiest wishes for success in all his future  
35 endeavors.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
37 furnished to Dr. Pender and to the members of the Capitol Press  
38 Corps.