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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 504

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. HENRY L. JOHNSON,
2 STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN
3 LEADING MISSISSIPPI'S SCHOOLS AND UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO THE
4 CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry L. Johnson has devoted over 30 years to
6 public education, as a teacher, principal, middle school director,
7 assistant superintendent, policy development advisor, assistant
8 state superintendent, associate state superintendent, and, for the
9 last three years, as State Superintendent of Education for
10 Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry L. Johnson has served as the Chief
12 Executive Officer of the Mississippi Department of Education, has
13 provided overall leadership for all the school districts across
14 the state, has advised the Mississippi Board of Education, the
15 Governor and the Legislature on the needs for elementary and
16 secondary education institutions; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry L. Johnson has identified solutions to
18 departmental needs and problems, has implemented these solutions
19 and plans, has coordinated future development of the education
20 system of Mississippi, and has worked extensively with various
21 stakeholder groups that have a major responsibility for, or
22 involvement in, the educational process; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry L. Johnson has served as Executive
24 Secretary of the Mississippi Board of Education, assisting the
25 board in establishing priorities that are in the best interest of
26 Mississippi education and keeping the board informed of pertinent
27 educational news, events and issues, advising the board of the
28 salient negative and positive aspects of each issue during its

29 deliberations on educational policy decisions, and acting as the
30 catalyst necessary to enable the board to recognize and make
31 decisions on key policy matters; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry L. Johnson has furthered the advancement
33 of education by serving on numerous state, regional and national
34 boards, including the Southern Region Education Board of
35 Directors, the Southeast Region Vision for Education, Education
36 Commission of the States, the National Assessment Governing Board,
37 to which he was appointed by former U.S. Secretary of Education
38 Rod Paige; and the United States National Commission for the
39 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,
40 to which he was appointed by former Secretary of State Colin
41 Powell; and

42 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry L. Johnson has been nominated by President
43 George W. Bush and U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings
44 as Assisting U.S. Secretary of Education for Elementary and
45 Secondary Education; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
47 contributions that Dr. Henry L. Johnson has made to education in
48 Mississippi and the even greater influence he will have on the
49 educational experience of all schoolchildren across the nation:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
52 we do hereby commend Dr. Henry L. Johnson, State Superintendent of
53 Education for Mississippi, for his service, dedication and
54 commitment to public education in Mississippi, and extend to him
55 congratulations and best wishes upon his nomination to the United
56 States Department of Education.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 Dr. Johnson, forwarded to the Mississippi State Board of Education
59 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.