

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

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING PENNY  
2 BARNES OF ROWAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI,  
3 UPON BEING SELECTED AS A NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND 2005 AMERICAN STAR  
4 OF TEACHING.

5 WHEREAS, Penny Barnes, a fourth-grade teacher at Rowan  
6 Elementary School in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was recently tapped  
7 as a No Child Left Behind 2005 American Star of Teaching in a  
8 surprise announcement on September 28, 2005, by current United  
9 States Assistant Secretary of Education and former State  
10 Superintendent of the Mississippi Department of Education, Henry  
11 Johnson; and

12 WHEREAS, begun in 2004, the American Stars of Teaching  
13 recognition effort is part of the United States Department of  
14 Education's Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative, and Mrs. Barnes now  
15 joins a distinguished group of honorees selected from a pool of  
16 2,000 nominations nationwide; and

17 WHEREAS, an educator with high expectations for all students  
18 and who believes all children can achieve, Mrs. Barnes represents  
19 those professionals who see teaching as a calling, not a job; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barnes pushes her students daily to go beyond  
21 what they believe possible of themselves, voluntarily tutors after  
22 school, makes frequent after hours home visits and attends the  
23 extracurricular activities of her students to support and  
24 encourage them in their endeavors; and

25 WHEREAS, holding a bachelor's degree in biology-pre med, Mrs.  
26 Barnes took and passed the state's licensing exam in elementary  
27 education and with additional coursework was certified in  
28 elementary 4-8, subsequently earned a master's degree in

29 elementary education with additional coursework in science, earned  
30 her 7-12 science endorsements and is currently in her final  
31 semester to earn a specialist in counseling with accompanying  
32 endorsements in that area; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
34 and commend excellence in our state's esteemed educators like Mrs.  
35 Barnes, whose collaboration with her fellow colleagues helps to  
36 foster a continuum of instruction to improve student achievement:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
39 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mrs. Penny  
40 Barnes of Rowan Elementary School upon being selected as a No  
41 Child Left Behind 2005 American Star of Teaching and extend our  
42 warmest wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
44 furnished to Mrs. Barnes, Rowan Elementary School, the Hattiesburg  
45 Public School District and to the members of the Capitol Press  
46 Corps.