

By: Representative Zuber

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF MRS. ANNA P. HURT FOR
2 HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE OCEAN SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN
3 THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND CONGRATULATING HER UPON HER RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Anna P. Hurt will retire from the Ocean Springs
5 School District on June 30, 2006, after seven years of dedicated
6 service and exemplary leadership as superintendent, leading with a
7 kind, compassionate and patient nature that taught as much to her
8 staff as to her students; and

9 WHEREAS, the Ocean Springs School District, under the
10 leadership of Mrs. Hurt, has been a model of excellence in the
11 classroom, as demonstrated by all six schools in the Ocean Springs
12 School District, receiving the highest possible rating, Level 5,
13 Superior-Performing, under the Mississippi Accountability System
14 for the past two years; and

15 WHEREAS, the Ocean Springs School District has received the
16 WHAT PARENTS WANT! AWARD for the seventh consecutive year, and
17 Pecan Park Elementary School received the 2005 School of
18 Excellence Award from the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hurt has served the Ocean Springs School
21 District for 20 years and, before serving as superintendent of the
22 district, has held the positions of Assistant Superintendent for
23 Instruction, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Testing and
24 Federal Programs, Director of Federal Programs and Administration
25 and Administrative Assistant; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hurt has taught children on the elementary and
27 middle school levels before serving as an administrator,

28 dedicating a total of 34 years to the field of education and to
29 the boys and girls of Mississippi and Louisiana; and

30 WHEREAS, she received her bachelor's degree from the
31 University of Southern Mississippi in elementary education, a
32 master of education degree from William Carey College and a
33 master's degree and a specialist's degree in education
34 administration from the University of Southern Mississippi; and

35 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hurt provided outstanding leadership to her
36 peers as a board member, President of the Mississippi Association
37 of School Administrators and as a member of the Governing Board of
38 the American Association of School Administrators and has served
39 as a member and board member of countless other professional and
40 community organizations; and

41 WHEREAS, she has been widely recognized for her outstanding
42 service as an education leader in Mississippi, including the honor
43 of being named 2004 Mississippi Superintendent of the Year by the
44 Mississippi Association of School Administrators, the 2003
45 Superintendent of the Year by the Mississippi Alliance for Art
46 Education and receiving the 2002 Overall Achievement and
47 Dedication Award for Education from the Ocean Springs Chamber of
48 Commerce; and

49 WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina, the worst natural disaster to
50 impact the United States, devastated the Mississippi Gulf Coast
51 and brought incredible destruction to the Ocean Springs School
52 District and, despite the unrelenting force of the hurricane, Anna
53 Hurt demonstrated even greater strength, personal fortitude and
54 stalwart support of her students and their families, staff members
55 and their families and the community at large through her diligent
56 efforts as she led the school district's recovery from the violent
57 storm; and

58 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
59 recognize and commend such outstanding educators as Mrs. Hurt, who

60 has dedicated her career to shaping the minds and lives of the
61 young people of this state:

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
63 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
64 commend and congratulate Mrs. Anna P. Hurt upon her retirement
65 from the Ocean Springs School District and extend to her our
66 heartiest wishes for continued success in all her future
67 endeavors.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
69 furnished to Mrs. Anna P. Hurt and to the members of the Capitol
70 Press Corps.