

By: Senator(s) White

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LOVETT ELEMENTARY
2 MUSIC TEACHER CATHERINE STAGG FOR BEING NAMED THE CLINTON SCHOOL
3 DISTRICT "TEACHER OF THE YEAR" FOR 2005-2006.

4 WHEREAS, Lovett Elementary music teacher, Catherine Stagg has
5 been named the Clinton School District's Teacher of the Year for
6 2005-2006; and

7 WHEREAS, a committee from outside the district selected Stagg
8 after interviewing nominees from each school district; and

9 WHEREAS, Stagg now will compete for the State's Teacher of
10 the Year. The state honoree will compete for the national title;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Superintendent Tommy Henderson, and Assistant
13 Superintendent Tim Martin surprised Stagg at Lovett with the
14 announcement. "I cannot express how much Mrs. Stagg has come to
15 mean to me, the staff and students at Lovett Elementary," said
16 Principal Tim Willis, who was also present for the announcement;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, "she understands her students, their parents, her
19 role as instructor, the demands of the school and the needs of the
20 community," he said. She is definitely about improving each and
21 every student; and

22 WHEREAS, Stagg, who is from Louisiana, moved to Clinton
23 several years ago with her husband, Duane. They have three
24 children, ages 23, 21 and 12; and

25 WHEREAS, this marks Stagg's second year at Lovett. She
26 previously worked as a music teacher splitting her time between
27 Clinton Park and Eastside; and

28 WHEREAS, as a music teacher, Mrs. Stagg sees about 100
29 students every nine weeks as part of a rotating unit at Lovett.
30 She tries to show them that "life is connected in all different
31 directions"; and

32 WHEREAS, Stagg said she has been teaching for only 10 years.
33 She holds a music education degree from Louisiana Tech University
34 in Ruston and has started working on a master's degree. Before
35 coming to Clinton, Stagg lived in Vicksburg 20 years. She was
36 previously named Teacher of the Year at the old Jett Elementary in
37 Vicksburg and Teacher of the Year two years at South Park
38 Elementary in Vicksburg; and

39 WHEREAS, Clinton now has two state Teachers of the Year,
40 retired Clinton High teacher Betty Whitlock also received the
41 honor in 1992; and

42 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
43 achievement by a dedicated public school educator who has brought
44 honor to her school, her community and to the State of
45 Mississippi:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
47 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Lovett
48 Elementary School music teacher Catherine Stagg for being named
49 the Clinton School District "Teacher of the Year" for 2005-2006,
50 and extend to her and her family the best wishes of the Senate in
51 her future professional endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
53 Mrs. Stagg and Lovett Elementary Principal Tim Willis and be made
54 available to the Capitol Press Corps.