

By: Senator(s) Michel, Dawkins, Frazier,
Harden, Jordan, White

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CASEY ELEMENTARY
2 SCHOOL UPON THEIR RECEIPT OF THE ARTS IN EDUCATION AWARD CATEGORY
3 OF THE 2006 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS.

4 WHEREAS, Casey Elementary School in Jackson, Mississippi, is
5 the recipient of the Arts in Education Award Category of the 2006
6 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts; and

7 WHEREAS, each of the 320 students at Casey Elementary School
8 is involved in exploring the arts, including visual art, music,
9 drama, dance and creative writing; and

10 WHEREAS, in the early 1990s, a group of parents became the
11 driving force behind bringing the arts to the school. Volunteer
12 teachers and parents were responsible for teaching the arts in the
13 classroom. A full-time teacher was hired in 1999, and now
14 teaching the regular curriculum through the arts is the school's
15 primary focus; and

16 WHEREAS, Casey was instrumental in obtaining a \$150,000.00
17 Ford Foundation Grant that enabled more than 2,500 students across
18 the district to experience learning through the arts; and

19 WHEREAS, the school has been nationally recognized as a Blue
20 Ribbon School and was recently recognized by the Mississippi Arts
21 Commission as one of four Model Schools in the state; and

22 WHEREAS, the Jackson Public School District has provided
23 funding for a full-time visual arts teacher and an arts
24 facilitator because of the effect the arts have had on the school;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, since becoming a Whole School in 1999, Casey has
27 moved from a Level 3 to a Level 5, the highest level of
28 accreditation by the state; and

29 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
30 outstanding achievement by this public elementary school and its
31 students, teachers, administrators and parents, which have brought
32 honor to their community and to the State of Mississippi:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
34 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Casey
35 Elementary School in Jackson, Mississippi, upon their receipt of
36 the Arts in the Education Award Category of the 2006 Governor's
37 Awards for Excellence in the Arts, and extend to Casey's students,
38 teachers, administrators and parents the best wishes of the
39 Senate.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
41 the Principal of Casey Elementary School and be forwarded to the
42 Board of Trustees of the Jackson Municipal Separate School
43 District and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.