

By: Representatives Norquist,
Coleman (29th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CLEVELAND HIGH
2 SCHOOL UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

3 WHEREAS, with a long history of academic excellence, Level 5
4 rated Cleveland High School, accredited since 1921, will celebrate
5 the 100th anniversary of the institution's establishment on
6 October 15, 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, having produced many National Merit semi-finalists
8 and finalists, the school also has a long tradition of athletic
9 excellence, producing state champion baseball, track, swimming,
10 cheerleading and softball programs, and championship-level
11 football, basketball and tennis programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Cleveland High is the alma mater of legendary
13 women's basketball coach Margaret Wade, who went 453-89 as coach
14 of Cleveland High's girls basketball team; coached three national
15 championship teams while at Delta State University; was among the
16 first class of women inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame;
17 and recipient of the Wade Trophy, presented annually to the
18 nation's top women's collegiate player; and

19 WHEREAS, the grand institution nurtured two-time Pulitzer
20 Prize nominee, Wirt Williams and author Thomas Harris, who penned
21 *Silence of the Lambs*; forged leaders of government, Legislators
22 Charlie Capps and David Norquist and Congressman David Bowen;
23 prepared noteworthy attorneys, Bill Laforge, who served as
24 President of the American Bar Association, and Kay Cobb, who is
25 the presiding justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court; and molded
26 prominent educators such as Kent Wyatt, who served as Delta State
27 University's fifth president; and

28 WHEREAS, Cleveland High School is considered the "birthplace"
29 of Delta State University, as the organizational movement which
30 led to Delta State University's establishment was held there; and

31 WHEREAS, Cleveland High, with its tradition of superior band,
32 choral music, theater arts and visual art programs, has fostered
33 civic responsibility through organizations such as: Y-Teens,
34 Interact Club, Key Club and the National Honor Society; and

35 WHEREAS, graduates of Cleveland High have become standouts in
36 the fields of agriculture, education, journalism, law, literature,
37 national defense, music, politics, professional athletics,
38 religion and science, and some graduates have served at all levels
39 in the various branches of the United States Armed Forces, from
40 World War I to the current War on Terror; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
42 recognize and commend the rich history of such an important
43 educational institution as Cleveland High School that has provided
44 outstanding educational experiences and shaped the lives of
45 thousands of Cleveland youth:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
48 commend and congratulate Cleveland High School upon the
49 celebration of 100 years of educational excellence and extend our
50 heartiest wishes for continued success in all academic, athletic
51 and career achievements.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to Cleveland High School, the School Board of the
54 Cleveland School District and to the members of the Capitol Press
55 Corps.