

By: Senator(s) Gordon, Frazier, To: Rules  
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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HOUSTON,  
2 MISSISSIPPI, HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956 ON THEIR 50TH CLASS  
3 REUNION.

4 WHEREAS, 2006 is the 50th Anniversary of the May graduation  
5 of the Houston High School Class of 1956, which will be celebrated  
6 on Saturday, November 18, 2006, in Houston, Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, the original class of 59 graduates is now reduced to  
8 53. These alumni have distinguished themselves and brought pride  
9 and recognition to Houston, Chickasaw County and the State of  
10 Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, some of the achievements by the members of this  
12 class:

- 13 • 32 attended college;
- 14 • 21 received bachelor's degrees;
- 15 • 9 received advanced degrees;
- 16 • 11 became educators;
- 17 • There are four engineers, two doctors, an architect, an  
18 accountant, a chemist (with patents), a music composer, a  
19 geologist, a nurse, a policeman, a minister, a librarian, a school  
20 principal, a professional musician, an elected official, perhaps  
21 20 business owners, and several served in the military; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2003-2004, members of this class designed,  
23 obtained financing for, and constructed a Memorial Plaza at the  
24 site of the old schoolhouse, which burned down in 1973. The  
25 Plaza, which features the original light columns that flanked the  
26 front entry of the school, was dedicated in November 2004. The  
27 Plaza serves as an outdoor classroom and as a reminder of the long

28 history of educational institutions at the site, dating back to  
29 the 1880s, and sits in front of today's Kindergarten building. It  
30 is a backdrop for "reunion photographs" for Houston High School  
31 classes, and now includes several memorial trees and plaques  
32 honoring past teachers; and

33 WHEREAS, the Houston High School Class of 1956 roster is as  
34 follows: Betty Alford, Patricia Atkinson, Sara Alice Blissard,  
35 Mary Ellen Blue, Ann Brand, Barbara Kaye Brown, Nancy Burks, Nancy  
36 Castle (deceased 2003), Joann Clark, Louise Colbert, Rex Collins &  
37 Mary Moore, Nancy Jo Cook, Buddy Cullum, Adolph Davis (deceased  
38 1999), Bill Dendy, Sonny Farr, Donald Gann (deceased), Dorothy Ann  
39 Gann, Sue Gann, Bobby Gilbert, Edna Sue Goode, Edward Gore, Henry  
40 Griffin, Joyce Griffin, Shelby Jean Higginbotham (deceased), Betty  
41 Kilgore, Barbara Kimbrough, Joyce Kimbrough, Russell Kingsley,  
42 Billy Joe Langley, Charles Langley, Margaret Linley, Ann Loden,  
43 Peggy Marion, Louise McIntosh, John Mihelic (deceased 1999), Byrl  
44 Miller (deceased 2001), Bobby Moore, Tommy Murrah, Carl Myatt,  
45 Stanley Nabors, Betty Nelson, Kenneth Nichols, Helen Robertson,  
46 Marilyn Roberson, Bobby Scott, Hinton Shempert, Glynne Simpson,  
47 Cynthia Smith, Ralph Thomas, Mary Grace Thompson, Harrison Upshaw,  
48 Sue Vowell, Mava Wimberly, Bill Winters, Darrell Wilson, Vivian  
49 Woodruff, Maxine Yarborough; and

50 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
51 landmark event in the lives of an extraordinary group of present  
52 and former Mississippians:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
54 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
55 Houston, Mississippi, High School Class of 1956 on their 50th  
56 Class Reunion, and extend to each member the best wishes of the  
57 Mississippi Senate on this auspicious occasion.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
59 the Houston High School Class of 1956 and be made available to the  
60 Capital Press Corps.