

By: Representatives Coleman (29th), Norquist To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 102

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HAYES COOPER CENTER
2 OF THE CLEVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT IN BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,
3 FOR ITS DESIGNATIONS AS A 2006 NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND-BLUE RIBBON
4 SCHOOL AND AS AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ORGANIZATION (IBO)
5 SCHOOL.

6 WHEREAS, the Hayes Cooper Center of the Cleveland School
7 District in Bolivar County, Mississippi, is not only the apple of
8 the Cleveland School District's eye, it is also the apple of the
9 nation's eye; and

10 WHEREAS, the Hayes Cooper Center has been recognized by two
11 of the nation's finest academic institutions, the United States
12 Department of Education and the International Baccalaureate
13 Organization (IBO); and

14 WHEREAS, among the many honors awarded to the school, it was
15 designated by the United States Department of Education as a 2006
16 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School; and

17 WHEREAS, a recipient school of a No Child Left Behind-Blue
18 Ribbon School designation is a public or private K-12 school that
19 is either academically superior in its state or demonstrates
20 dramatic gains in student achievement; and

21 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush and the federal Secretary
22 of Education deems this national honor as a reflection of the
23 goals of our nation's new education reforms for high standards and
24 accountability; and

25 WHEREAS, the prestigious International Baccalaureate
26 Organization (IBO) has also honored the Hayes Cooper Center by
27 designating it as an IBO school; and

28 WHEREAS, the IBO is a recognized leader in the field of
29 international education which works with 1,962 schools in 124
30 countries to encourage students to be active learners and
31 well-rounded individuals who are engaged as world citizens; and

32 WHEREAS, because of the IBO's standards for excellence, it is
33 a very rare occasion when a school such as the Hayes Cooper Center
34 is designated as an IBO school; and

35 WHEREAS, the Hayes Cooper Center opened in the fall of 1991
36 with the help of a Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) grant
37 and housed only one section of grade levels, kindergarten through
38 sixth grade; and

39 WHEREAS, as a result of the success demonstrated by the Hayes
40 Cooper Center, the district applied for and received a second MSAP
41 grant enabling the elementary program to be doubled in size and
42 continue the program into the junior high level; and

43 WHEREAS, in 2004, the district applied for, and received a
44 third MSAP grant which enabled the Hayes Cooper Center to
45 implement the IBO's Primary Years Programme; and

46 WHEREAS, numerous other state and national awards have been
47 bestowed upon the Hayes Cooper Center for its excellent academic
48 program, some examples include the 1992 South Eastern Regional
49 Vision for Education's Program of Excellence, the 1993 State
50 Department of Education's "Successful Practices in Mathematics and
51 Science," the 1995 Mississippi Association of Educator's Award of
52 Excellence, the 2002 Mississippi Governor's Educational
53 Achievement Award for K-12, the 2004-2005 Mississippi Department
54 of Education Level 5 AYP Achievement Award, the 2005-2006
55 Mississippi Department of Education Level 5 AYP Achievement Award;
56 and

57 WHEREAS, the mission of the Hayes Cooper Center has always
58 been to "create and maintain a failure-free environment where
59 students of different social, economic, racial and ethnic
60 backgrounds, regardless of their previous educational history and

61 experience, will be given both the instruction and the inspiration
62 necessary to be successful"; and

63 WHEREAS, based on the state, national and international
64 recognition given to the school, the Hayes Cooper Center succeeded
65 in proving that the socio-economic status of a child has nothing
66 to do with their ability to excel academically; and

67 WHEREAS, credit for the success of the Hayes Cooper Center is
68 owed to the team efforts of parents, faculty members, the
69 principal, Ms. Beverly Hardy, and the PYP Coordinator, Dr. Debbie
70 Fioranelli; and

71 WHEREAS, this dedicated team has been supported in its
72 efforts by the Board of Trustees for the Cleveland School
73 District: Dr. Wayne Blansett, Mr. George Evans, Dr. Harvey M.
74 Jackson, Mr. Maurice Lucas and Mr. Lindsey C. Meador and the
75 Cleveland Superintendent, Dr. Montrell Greene; and

76 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
77 and commend excellence in schools that strive to create greatness
78 in its students:

79 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
80 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
81 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the Hayes Cooper Center of the
82 Cleveland School District in Bolivar County, Mississippi, for its
83 designations as a 2006 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon School and
84 an International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) School.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
86 furnished to the Hayes Cooper Center, members of the Board of
87 Trustees for the Cleveland School District, Dr. Montrell Greene
88 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.