

By: Senator(s) Butler, Barnett, Dearing,
Fillingane, Frazier, Jackson (11th), Jackson
(32nd), Polk, Simmons (12th), Simmons (13th),
Witherspoon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 580

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY FOR
3 MEETING THE NEW COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF EDUCATOR
4 PREPARATION (CAEP) ACCREDITATION STANDARDS.

5 WHEREAS, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher
6 Education (NCATE) was founded as a nonprofit, nongovernmental
7 accrediting body for teacher preparation programs in 1954; and

8 WHEREAS, the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC),
9 dedicated to improving academic degree programs for professional
10 educators who teach and lead in schools Pre-K through Grade 12,
11 was founded in 1997; and

12 WHEREAS, the Boards of NCATE and TEAC accepted the formation
13 of a new accrediting body, the Council for the Accreditation of
14 Educator Preparation (CAEP), in 2010; and

15 WHEREAS, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator
16 Preparation (CAEP) Commission on Standards and Performance
17 Reporting convened in 2012 to develop the next generation of
18 accreditation standards and performance measures for educator
19 preparation; and



20 WHEREAS, CAEP created these standards to ensure educator
21 preparation providers impart future teachers with the knowledge
22 and skills to support the development of all students; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2013 CAEP became fully operational as the sole
24 accrediting body for educator preparation providers; and

25 WHEREAS, CAEP accreditation standards were fully implemented;
26 NCATE and TEAC legacy standards are no longer used for
27 accreditation in 2016; and

28 WHEREAS, Alcorn State University School of Education and
29 Psychology met the new rigorous professional standards for the
30 preparation of teachers and other school specialists on October
31 27, 2015, becoming nationally accredited by CAEP; and

32 WHEREAS, Alcorn State University School of Education and
33 Psychology is pioneer in leading the way by becoming the first of
34 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in the nation
35 and the first institution of higher learning (IHL) in the State of
36 Mississippi to achieve this accreditation; and this achievement
37 was made possible by the collaborative efforts of administrators,
38 colleagues, community, students and supporters:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
40 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
41 we do hereby recognize and congratulate the Alcorn State
42 University School of Education and Psychology for meeting the new
43 Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
44 accreditation standards, and extend the best wishes of the



45 Legislature to the administrators, instructors and students on
46 this achievement.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 the President of Alcorn State University and the Dean of the
49 College of Education, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of State
50 Institutions of Higher Learning, and made available to the Capitol
51 Press Corps.

