

By: Representatives Wilson, Gunn

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING MADISON STATION
2 ELEMENTARY EDUCATOR ALLISON RUHL UPON RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS
3 2016-2017 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD.

4 WHEREAS, on January 11, 2017, Madison Station Elementary
5 School first-grade teacher Allison Ruhl was honored with the
6 prestigious Milken Educator Award, which was presented to her with
7 a hug from First Lady Deborah Bryant after an introduction from
8 Governor Phil Bryant; and

9 WHEREAS, in her fifth year teaching at Madison Station, Ms.
10 Ruhl did well to walk across the gymnasium amid thunderous
11 applause from students, faculty and public officials; and

12 WHEREAS, the prestigious Milken Educator Award recognizes
13 those exceptional educators, such as Ms. Ruhl, who serve as a
14 model for the state and nation; and

15 WHEREAS, the award is given in a surprise ceremony at the
16 recipient's school, and along with a huge rally of support from
17 the students and fellow teachers, the recipients receive a \$25,000
18 no-strings-attached gift from the Milken Family Foundation; and



19 WHEREAS, as one of only 35 teachers to win the award in 2017,
20 Ms. Ruhl is the only Mississippian among this year's recipients,
21 and is the first Madison County School District educator to be
22 honored with the award; and

23 WHEREAS, founded by Mr. Lowell Milken to celebrate, promote
24 and stimulate commendable K-12 educators, and to publicly
25 demonstrate that excellence in education must be acknowledged and
26 rewarded, the Milken Educator Award strives to communicate to
27 parents and policymakers the established truth that the quality of
28 the educator is the most important factor in determining student
29 achievement; and

30 WHEREAS, candidates are not formally nominated and do not
31 apply for the award, rather they are recommended by the Department
32 of Education Blue Ribbon Committees in participating states, and
33 the awards are intended to encourage the best early- or mid-career
34 teachers to stay in the profession and encourage others to teach;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, during the awards ceremony, Mrs. Ruhl received high
37 praise from State Superintendent of Public Education, Dr. Carey
38 Wright, who said Ms. Ruhl is a wonderful example of our dedicated
39 educators who work tirelessly to help students succeed, and from
40 First Lady Deborah Bryant and Madison County School District
41 Superintendent Ronnie McGehee, who both echoed the praise of
42 Superintendent Wright in their affirmation of Ms. Ruhl being very
43 deserving of this honor; and



44 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
45 recognize the outstanding teachers of our state, such as Ms. Ruhl,
46 whose dedication to the education of our youth brings great pride
47 to the State of Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
50 congratulate Madison Station Elementary educator Allison Ruhl for
51 receiving the prestigious 2016-2017 Milken Educator Award, and
52 extend best wishes for continued success in her teaching career.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
54 furnished to Allison Ruhl, the Madison County Board of Education,
55 the State Superintendent of Public Education, and to the members
56 of the Capitol Press Corps.

