

By: Representatives Mangold, Currie,
Holloway

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY AND
2 DEDICATED SERVICES OF DR. RONALD E. NETTLES II, AND CONGRATULATING
3 HIM UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF
4 COPIAH-LINCOLN COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald E. Nettles II will retire as President of
6 Copiah-Lincoln Community College on June 30, 2018, after
7 dedicating over 33 years of illustrious service and guidance to
8 the students, faculty and staff of Copiah-Lincoln Community
9 College; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Nettles obtained his bachelor of science degree
11 in political science and master of education degree in counseling
12 and personnel services from the University of Southern
13 Mississippi, earned his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi
14 in educational leadership, and completed additional studies at
15 Mississippi State University and the University of Arkansas; and

16 WHEREAS, with an extensive background in education, Dr.
17 Nettles joined the staff of Copiah-Lincoln Community College on
18 the Wesson Campus in September of 1994, as Director of Community



19 and Economic Development, and was later named Dean of the Natchez
20 Campus on July 1, 1997; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Nettles was transferred back to Wesson as
22 Executive Vice President on July 1, 2004, and selected President
23 of Copiah-Lincoln Community College on July 1, 2008; and

24 WHEREAS, as Copiah-Lincoln President, Dr. Ronald E. Nettles
25 II, saw growth in enrollment rise to an all-time high, increased
26 the Co-Lin Foundation's endowment to double over \$8 million, and
27 instituted new instructional programs and services that have
28 increased student graduation rates; and

29 WHEREAS, under Dr. Nettles' leadership, six new buildings
30 have been constructed including the Alton Greenlee Pro Shop
31 (2010); Howell C. Garner Instructional Building (2011); Eugene
32 Bates Men's Residence Hall (2012); H.L. Stone Stadium Press Box
33 (2014); Early Childhood Education Building (2015); and the New
34 Women's Residence Hall (to be completed in 2018); and

35 WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald E. Nettles II orchestrated the renovation
36 and repair to the baseball, softball, and soccer fields, Mullen
37 Gymnasium, Henley Cafeteria, Pitts Field House, H. L. Stone
38 Stadium, Anderson Building, Smith Hall Chemistry Lab, Ewing Fine
39 Arts Auditorium, Ellzey Hall, Diesel Mechanics Classroom,
40 Callendar Hall, energy/mechanical projects totaling over \$2.9
41 million, roofing projects over \$1.5 million, two new parking lots
42 and paving projects; and



43 WHEREAS, additionally, Dr. Ronald E. Nettles II has seen the
44 college's athletic programs gain national recognition, at times
45 being nationally-ranked on the playing field and academically and
46 having participated in national tournaments; and

47 WHEREAS, with Dr. Ronald E. Nettles II at the helm, the
48 college has been recognized on a national and statewide level by
49 the Apsen Institute College Excellence Program (two consecutive
50 times), Great Colleges To Work For by The Chronicle of Higher
51 Education, Purple Heart College, Military Friendly Award (No. 3),
52 Best Colleges in Mississippi, and currently working to have the
53 first ACT Work Ready Region in the state; and

54 WHEREAS, a true leader during his tenure as President of
55 Copiah-Lincoln, Dr. Ronald E. Nettles II has served as President
56 of the Southern Association of Colleges with Associate Degrees,
57 President of the Mississippi Community College Presidents
58 Association, Secretary on the Mississippi Commission of College
59 Accreditation, past President of the Mississippi Association of
60 Colleges (MAC) and past President of the Copiah County Economic
61 Development District; and

62 WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald E. Nettles II is a member of numerous
63 professional organizations and civic clubs including the
64 Mississippi Humanities Council, Wesson Lions Club, Wesson Chamber
65 of Commerce, and is a charter member of the Brookhaven Rotary
66 Club; and



67 WHEREAS, throughout the years, Dr. Ronald E. Nettles II has
68 received notable honors, including the National Institute for
69 Organizations Development Excellence Award, Co-Lin's Howell C.
70 Garner High Performance Award, Phi Theta Kappa's Shirley B. Gordon
71 Award of Distinction and the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement
72 Award, and was a member of the Mississippi Economic Council's
73 Leadership Mississippi Class; and

74 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
75 and commend the outstanding contributions of a citizen such as Dr.
76 Nettles who has provided a quality educational environment and
77 curriculum to the students of this state who are its future:

78 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
79 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
80 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the exemplary and dedicated
81 services of Dr. Ronald E. Nettles II, congratulate him upon the
82 occasion of his retirement as President of Copiah-Lincoln
83 Community College, and express warmest wishes for continued
84 success in all of his future endeavors.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
86 furnished to Dr. Ronald E. Nettles II and to the members of the
87 Capitol Press Corps.

