

By: Representatives Holloway, Gibbs (72nd)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER, MERITORIOUS
2 LEADERSHIP AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF MR. JIMMY BUCHANAN, SR.,
3 UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, after numerous years of service and dedication to
5 Copiah County and the State of Mississippi, Jimmy Buchanan, Sr.,
6 retired from his position as the Assistant Superintendent of
7 Education for Copiah County Schools on June 30, 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Buchanan, born June 11, 1942, in Jefferson Davis
9 County, Mississippi, to the late Clarence and Gertrude Buchanan,
10 is exceptionally active in religious, civic, social, economic and
11 educational activities in the Copiah County area and throughout
12 the state; and

13 WHEREAS, after graduating from J.E. Johnson High School in
14 Prentiss, Mississippi, where he was a member of the high school
15 football team, Mr. Buchanan attended Jackson State University
16 where he received his bachelor's degree in health and physical
17 education in 1964 and further earned his master's degree in
18 administration and supervision in 1972, and he also completed his



19 post-doctorate coursework at the University of Mississippi in
20 1988; and

21 WHEREAS, after graduating from Jackson State University, Mr.
22 Buchanan began his career as a history teacher at Holtzclaw
23 Memorial High School in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, where he
24 also served as the head baseball coach and head basketball coach
25 for the girls team, and he remained in that position until he was
26 selected to become the assistant principal in 1968; and

27 WHEREAS, in 1969, Mr. Buchanan was chosen to serve as the
28 principal of Crystal Springs High School, where he also served as
29 assistant football coach, until he became the Assistant
30 Superintendent of Copiah County Schools in 1974, retiring for the
31 first time in that position in July 2000; and

32 WHEREAS, after retirement, Mr. Buchanan began working with
33 the Mississippi Department of Education to evaluate and make
34 recommendations to underperforming schools, and in 2010 he began
35 working in his former position as Assistant Superintendent of
36 Education for Copiah County Schools and he held this position
37 until he retired for the second time on June 30, 2017; and

38 WHEREAS, outside of his professional and career achievements,
39 Mr. Buchanan married Mae Elma Buchanan on November 25, 1965, and
40 had two children, Jimmy and Cynthia, and he has also been blessed
41 with two grandchildren, Laci Marie and Maegan Elizabeth; and

42 WHEREAS, Mr. Buchanan has been a member of New Zion United
43 Methodist Church for over 45 years where he has served in numerous



44 capacities, and in addition to his faithful service to his church,
45 Mr. Buchanan, being filled with an eagerness to mold the minds of
46 the younger generation, has been a member of the 100 Black Men of
47 Jackson, Inc., for over 20 years, which has enabled him to impart
48 to the young men that he mentors the wisdom and advice that can
49 only be acquired through life experience, which then enables these
50 young men to reach their full potential, fulfill their dreams and
51 achieve greatness, and in this distinguished organization, Mr.
52 Buchanan is a former vice president and former chairman, and
53 currently serves on the membership committee and as a co-chairman;
54 and

55 WHEREAS, Mr. Buchanan has actively participated in various
56 other organizations, as a member of the American Association of
57 School Administrators, former member of the Board of Trustees at
58 Camp Wesley Pines, member of the Copiah County Democratic
59 Executive Committee, former president and current member of the
60 Copiah County Economic Development District, member of the Copiah
61 County Medical Center Board for 30 years, a former president and
62 current member of the Crystal Springs Chamber of Commerce, former
63 president and current member of the Crystal Springs Lions Club,
64 member of the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Copiah
65 County, member of the Jackson State University Alumni Association,
66 Copiah County Alumni Chapter, former president of the Mississippi
67 Association of Assistant Superintendents, member of the
68 Mississippi Association of School Administrators, lifetime board



69 member and former treasurer of Mississippi Association of Pupil
70 Transportation, board member of the Mississippi Toughest Kid
71 Foundation, former member of the Mississippi Job Corps Community
72 Relation Council, member of the New Zion United Methodist Men,
73 former member of the Board of Directors of the Pearl River Basin
74 Development District, member of the Red Rose Fraternal
75 Organization and a Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 182; and

76 WHEREAS, Mr. Buchanan has received numerous honors and awards
77 throughout his prestigious career, including the Pioneer Award for
78 Outstanding Service Rendered to Copiah County and the award for
79 2007 Citizen of the Year for Copiah County by the Hazlehurst
80 Chamber of Commerce; and

81 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
82 recognize and commend great Mississippians such as Mr. Jimmy
83 Buchanan, Sr., who are steadfastly devoted to the betterment of
84 our great Magnolia State and its citizens:

85 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
86 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
87 commend the distinguished career, meritorious leadership and
88 outstanding service of Mr. Jimmy Buchanan, Sr., upon the occasion
89 of his retirement and extend sincere wishes for his continued
90 success and joy in the lighter days ahead.

91 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
92 furnished to Mr. Jimmy Buchanan, Sr., and to the members of the
93 Capitol Press Corps.

