

By: Representative Holloway

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. PAULISHA FARRISH FOR HER
2 REMARKABLE DEDICATION TO EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND FOR HER
3 OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

4 WHEREAS, throughout her life, Ms. Paulisha Farrish has been
5 tremendously dedicated to academic excellence, and because of her
6 remarkable dedication and commitment, her academic success has
7 been truly exceptional; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Paulisha Farrish attended Hazlehurst High
9 School, where she maintained a 4.0 GPA and graduated as
10 valedictorian in 2009, and after graduation, she received a full
11 academic scholarship to Jackson State University, and became a
12 member of the esteemed Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and
13 outstandingly, throughout her undergraduate career, she maintained
14 a 4.0 GPA and was named a President's List scholar; and

15 WHEREAS, because of her incredible commitment to educational
16 success, Ms. Farrish was the recipient of numerous honors and
17 awards, such as the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation General
18 Mills Health Scholarship; a Certificate of Achievement for her 4.0



19 GPA from the National Pan-Hellenic Council; and Alpha Kappa
20 Alpha's Southeastern Region Highest GPA Award, with a cultural and
21 educational trip to China which was presented by the sorority's
22 international president; and because she graduated with the
23 highest GPA in the School of Public Health, she served as the
24 student marshal during the commencement ceremony, where she
25 received her bachelor's degree in communicative disorders in 2014;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Ms. Farrish decided to remain at Jackson State
28 University after graduation, enrolling in the master of science
29 program for communicative disorders with a full academic
30 scholarship; and

31 WHEREAS, during the second semester of her master's program,
32 Ms. Farrish became a U.S. Department of Education - Office of
33 Special Education Program (OSEP) personnel preparation grant
34 scholar, and with the goal of this grant being to prepare the
35 graduate student to provide high quality, evidence-based speech,
36 language and literacy services to children of diverse backgrounds
37 who have speech and language disabilities, she was provided
38 additional specialized coursework and clinical experiences to
39 prepare her to work with children who have speech and language
40 disorders; and

41 WHEREAS, in 2016, Ms. Farrish earned her master of science
42 degree in communicative disorders, graduating at the top of her
43 class with an amazing 4.0 GPA, and because she excelled



44 tremendously during her time at Jackson State University, she was
45 awarded Jackson State University's Department of Communicative
46 Disorders Legacy Award; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
48 commend outstanding Mississippians, especially those such as Ms.
49 Paulisha Farrish, whose exceptional commitment to academic
50 excellence has brought honor to her school, her community and to
51 the State of Mississippi:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
54 commend Ms. Paulisha Farrish for her remarkable dedication to
55 educational excellence and for her outstanding academic
56 achievements, and extend sincere wishes for her continued success
57 in her future endeavors.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
59 furnished to Ms. Paulisha Farrish and to the members of the
60 Capitol Press Corps.

