

By: Representative Watson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND
2 MERITORIOUS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE THAT PASTOR MARCUS T. CATHEY
3 PROVIDED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE HATTIESBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL
4 DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Marcus T. Cathey, the President of the
6 Hattiesburg Public School District Board of Trustees, and
7 community leader extraordinaire, concluded his service in that
8 role on March 2, 2018, after selflessly dedicating 10 years of
9 illustrious leadership and competent guidance to the wonderful
10 people of the Hattiesburg community; and

11 WHEREAS, a native of Jackson, Mississippi, Pastor Cathey
12 graduated from Callaway High School in 1989, and then moved to
13 Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to become a Golden Eagle and attend the
14 University of Southern Mississippi; and

15 WHEREAS, because he had a passion for ministry, he
16 transferred to William Carey University and received his
17 bachelor's degree, and from there, he furthered his religious
18 studies in the Master of Divinity Program at New Orleans Baptist
19 Seminary; and



20 WHEREAS, Pastor Cathey embarked on his ministerial journey at
21 Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, but in 1999, he felt the
22 Lord calling him to start a church in west Hattiesburg, so he
23 answered, and what began as a small group Bible study of only 12
24 people grew in faith and fellowship and now, West Point Baptist
25 Church ministers to more than 2,000 members; and

26 WHEREAS, an advocate for promoting reconciliation, equipping
27 servant leaders and educating the next generation, Pastor Cathey
28 is actively involved in his community, including serving as Second
29 Vice President of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention
30 of Mississippi, previously serving as a board member of the United
31 Way of Southeast Mississippi, the Hattiesburg American Editorial
32 Board, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and the Board of
33 Trustees for the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and Bible College,
34 and serving as a member of the Area Development Partnership's
35 Leaders for a New Century, now known as Leadership Pinebelt, Class
36 of 2000; and

37 WHEREAS, because of his ardent determination, selfless desire
38 to serve his community and passion for education, former
39 Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny Dupree appointed and then reappointed
40 Pastor Cathey as President of the Hattiesburg Public School
41 District Board of Trustees, a position he served with efficiency
42 and effectiveness; and



43 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Pastor Cathey has received an
44 unwavering shower of loving support from his wife, Marneshia, and
45 their three children, Joshua, Madison and Mason; and

46 WHEREAS, after 10 years of dedicated school board service to
47 the people of Hattiesburg, the cessation of his presidency will
48 surely leave an insatiable void for governing and mingling with
49 Mississippi's finest in the heart of Pastor Cathey, but he is
50 overjoyed to reflect on the countless number of remarkable people
51 that have touched his life throughout his 10-year career as the
52 President of the Hattiesburg Public School District Board of
53 Trustees; and

54 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
55 recognize and commend the tireless devotion to the betterment of
56 Mississippi and honor the ardent vow to impeccable public service
57 that Pastor Marcus T. Cathey, bestowed to the citizens of
58 Hattiesburg as the President of the Hattiesburg Public School
59 District Board of Trustees:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
62 commend the distinguished career and meritorious leadership and
63 service that Pastor Marcus T. Cathey provided as the President of
64 the Hattiesburg Public School District Board of Trustees, and
65 extend sincere wishes for continued success and joy in all of his
66 future endeavors.



67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
68 furnished to Pastor Cathey and to the members of the Capitol Press
69 Corps.

