

By: Representative Ford

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE
2 BOVINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPON THE EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE
3 OF THE KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN READINESS
4 ASSESSMENT, ATTAINING THE HIGHEST SCORES IN THE VICKSBURG-WARREN
5 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

6 WHEREAS, according to reports of the State Department of
7 Education on the kindergarten and pre-kindergarten assessments for
8 the 2017-2018 school year, the Vicksburg-Warren School District,
9 with a score of 697, scored sixteen points higher than the state
10 benchmark score of 681; and

11 WHEREAS, on the assessments which are given twice during the
12 school year, in the fall and spring semesters to evaluate skills
13 such as the ability to recognize letters and match letters to
14 their sounds and a student's recognition that print flows from
15 left to right, the Vicksburg-Warren School District experienced an
16 average pre-K score increase of more than 150 points from the
17 beginning of the year and an average kindergarten score increase
18 of more than 180 points from the fall to the spring; and



19 WHEREAS, the state average for the fall kindergarten test was
20 504, and it jumped to 710 in the spring, while the
21 Vicksburg-Warren School District scored 517 in the fall and gained
22 180 points on the spring test, which places those kindergarteners
23 who hit the target of 681 on a solid path of success to meet and
24 exceed the benchmarks established for the Third-Grade Reading
25 Assessment; and

26 WHEREAS, Bovina Elementary School in Bovina, Mississippi,
27 just on the outskirts of Vicksburg, is a beacon of success, having
28 the second highest score in the district with a 723, just one
29 point behind its sister school Warrenton Elementary, which
30 chronicles the exceptional work and efforts being demonstrated by
31 the school's instructional and administrative professionals, as
32 well as the diligence and laudable efforts of the students coupled
33 with consistent parental support and reinforcement; and

34 WHEREAS, the district also performed well in the
35 Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, conducted on all
36 state-funded pre-K programs for 4-year-olds, and with the state
37 benchmark score of 498 the Vicksburg-Warren School District easily
38 cleared that target with a score of 580, which was 154 points
39 higher than the fall score and 30 points higher than the state
40 average; and

41 WHEREAS, while all Vicksburg-Warren School District
42 elementary schools with pre-K programs scored above the state
43 benchmark, Bovina Elementary lead the school district with a score



44 of 671, more than 200 points higher than its fall score, with
45 Warrenton Elementary next at 618; and

46 WHEREAS, Bovina Elementary School's superior performances on
47 these assessments is not by accident, but is attributed to the
48 important role teachers, students and the community play in
49 providing the foundation necessary for academic success by:
50 setting high expectations for all students; having clear,
51 written-out objectives; being prepared and organized; and planning
52 and teaching lessons aligned to the district's standards; and

53 WHEREAS, because the leadership of Bovina Elementary School
54 is always progressing and evolving with the best interests of the
55 educators and students at the forefront of their planning, they
56 envision a trajectory of continued success in all the academic
57 years to come; and

58 WHEREAS, this accomplishment by Bovina Elementary School
59 highlights the district's success in creating an innovative and
60 compelling learning environment that engages students and provides
61 tangible evidence of academic accomplishments, and is a great
62 tribute to the wonderful students who have done a stellar job of
63 meeting and exceeding established goals; and

64 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
65 the excellent academic progress made by schools such as Bovina
66 Elementary School, which have brought honor to their community and
67 to the State of Mississippi:



68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
69 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
70 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the Bovina
71 Elementary School upon the exceptional student performance of the
72 Kindergarten Assessment and Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Assessment
73 by attaining the highest scores in the Vicksburg-Warren School
74 District, and extend best wishes to school administrators,
75 teachers and students for continued success in all of their future
76 endeavors.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
78 furnished to the principal of the Bovina Elementary School, the
79 school board of the Vicksburg-Warren School District and to the
80 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

