

By: Representatives Holloway, Mettetal

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE
2 MULTITUDE OF CAREER SUCCESSES AND RENOWNED AWARDS BESTOWED UPON
3 DR. BELLE S. WHEELAN.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Belle S. Wheelan is a remarkably talented and
5 distinguished individual who currently holds the title and
6 recognition of being the first woman and the first African
7 American to serve as President of the Southern Association of
8 Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; and

9 WHEREAS, her rise to prominence was founded with a strong
10 educational background, as she received her bachelor's degree in
11 both psychology and sociology from Trinity University in Texas in
12 1972, her master's in developmental educational psychology from
13 Louisiana State University in 1974, and her doctorate in
14 educational administration with a special concentration in
15 community college leadership from the University of Texas at
16 Austin in 1984; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Wheelan's credits her esteemed career not only
18 to her hard work, endurance, tenacity and being in the right place



19 at the right time, but also to the countless prayers and words of
20 support she received from her friends and family, especially her
21 son Reginald, which can make any person's dreams possible; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout her 40-year career, Dr. Wheelan has
23 provided efficiency, competency and professionalism to a number of
24 roles including faculty member, chief student services officer,
25 campus provost, college president and Secretary of Education, and
26 in several of those positions, she was the first African American
27 and/or woman to serve in those capacities; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Wheelan has received numerous awards and
29 recognition including six honorary degrees; the Distinguished
30 Graduate Award from Trinity University and the College of
31 Education at the University of Texas at Austin; *Washingtonian*
32 *Magazine's* 100 Most Powerful Women in Washington, D.C.; the AAUW
33 Woman of Distinction Award; the Suanne Davis Roueche National
34 Institute for Staff and Organizational Development's Distinguished
35 Lecturer Award; the John E. Roueche National Institute for Staff
36 and Organizational Development's International Leadership Award;
37 the AACCC Leadership Award; the John Hope Franklin Award from
38 *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* for outstanding leadership in
39 higher education; the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Terry
40 O'Banion Prize in Education from the League for Innovation in
41 Community Colleges; and in 2017, Central Virginia Community
42 College named her President Emerita; and



43 WHEREAS, in addition to her many awards and accolades, Dr.
44 Wheelan holds membership in the following local, state and
45 national organizations: Rotary International; Alpha Kappa Alpha
46 Sorority, Inc.; the American College Testing, Inc. Board of
47 Directors; American Association of Community Colleges Board of
48 Directors; the Lumina Foundation for Education Board of Directors;
49 the President's Round Table of the National Council on Black
50 American Affairs; the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame
51 Board of Directors; *Excelencia* in Education Board of Directors;
52 National Society of Collegiate Scholars Community College Honorary
53 Board; Next Generation Learning Challenges Advisory Panel; Project
54 GOALS (Gaining Online Accessible Learning Through Self-Study); and
55 the National Student Clearinghouse Board of Directors; and

56 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
57 and salute those people whose unparalleled dedication and
58 incomparable service to their careers truly brings about the
59 betterment of United States of America:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
62 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and commend the multitude of
63 career successes and renowned awards bestowed upon Dr. Belle S.
64 Wheelan and extend most sincere wishes for continued success in
65 all of her future endeavors.



66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
67 furnished to Dr. Belle S. Wheelan and to the members of the
68 Capitol Press Corps.

