

By: Representatives Hopkins, Criswell,
Eubanks, Foster, Hale, Henley, Kinkade

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. ANGELA MCKINNON FOR HER
2 OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO HER STUDENTS AND FOR BEING AWARDED THE
3 2018 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE
4 TEACHING.

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Angela McKinnon, a fifth grade teacher at
6 Lewisburg Elementary School in DeSoto County, who has a passion
7 for teaching and a love for children, was awarded the 2018
8 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science
9 Teaching in recognition of her hard work and unwavering dedication
10 to providing an excellent education to her students; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. McKinnon is among the more than 140 teachers
12 nationwide that was honored with this prestigious presidential
13 award for excellence in teaching or mentoring in science,
14 technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education; and

15 WHEREAS, administered by the National Science Foundation on
16 behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy,
17 the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science
18 Teaching are the highest honors bestowed by the United States
19 specifically for K-12 mathematics and science teaching; and



20 WHEREAS, awards are given to mathematics and science teachers
21 from each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, the
22 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education
23 Activity Schools or the United States territories as a group; and

24 WHEREAS, the award recognizes those teachers who develop and
25 implement a high-quality instructional program that is informed by
26 content knowledge and enhances student learning, and since the
27 program's inception, more than 4,700 teachers have been recognized
28 for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, awardees serve as models for their colleagues,
31 inspiration to their communities and leaders in the improvement of
32 STEM education, and they receive a certificate signed by the
33 President of the United States, a paid trip to Washington, D.C.,
34 to attend a series of recognition events and professional
35 development opportunities, a \$10,000 award from the National
36 Science Foundation and an opportunity to build lasting
37 partnerships with colleagues across the nation; and

38 WHEREAS, devoted to academic excellence, Mrs. McKinnon earned
39 her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mississippi
40 College and is certified in elementary education, mild and
41 moderate disabilities, remedial reading K-12 and general science
42 7-12, and she recently completed her master's degree in special
43 education from Arkansas State University; and



44 WHEREAS, as an elementary educator for 26 years, Mrs.
45 McKinnon has spent over 23 years teaching fifth grade mathematics
46 and science in the DeSoto County School District, with the last 12
47 years being at Lewisburg Elementary, and her students have
48 consistently scored 100 percent proficient and advanced on the
49 state science test, a true testament to her exceptional dedication
50 to her students; and

51 WHEREAS, as a mentor to new teachers, Mrs. McKinnon served on
52 the Mississippi Editorial Advisory Board for Macmillan/McGraw-Hill
53 publishers and the content, bias and data review committees for
54 the Mississippi Department of Education to assist in the
55 development of the state test, and she also served as the fifth
56 grade lead science teacher, assisted with the school science fair
57 and judged for other schools in her district; and

58 WHEREAS, as Lewisburg's "Science Guru," Mrs. McKinnon has a
59 tremendous passion for helping her students grow and become
60 productive citizens, and she remains dedicated to her daily
61 mission of teaching her fifth grade class by helping them
62 comprehend the world around them with riveting lessons and
63 engaging discussions; and

64 WHEREAS, Mrs. McKinnon strives daily to provide a quality
65 education and an inclusive environment where her students can grow
66 and nurture their individual talents and creative abilities, and
67 she continuously radiates excellence, invigorates with her wisdom
68 and inspires all of her students to be the best they can be; and



69 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
70 recognize outstanding teachers such as Mrs. Angela McKinnon, who
71 selflessly strive to improve the well-being of children in
72 Mississippi and provide them with the skills necessary for them to
73 fulfill their greatest potential:

74 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
75 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
76 commend and congratulate Mrs. Angela McKinnon on her outstanding
77 dedication to her students and for being awarded the 2018
78 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science
79 Teaching, and express best wishes for her continued success in all
80 of her future endeavors.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
82 furnished to Mrs. Angela McKinnon and to the members of the
83 Capitol Press Corps.

