

By: Representatives Corley, Byrd, Johnson
(87th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING AGRICULTURE TEACHER AND FARM MANAGER
2 MIKE DALE FOR 36 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF
3 FORREST COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL AND CONGRATULATING HIM
4 UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, 2019 marks the last year that agriculture teacher
6 and farm manager Mike Dale will train the minds and enhance the
7 skills of the students at Forrest County Agricultural High School
8 (FCAHS) because he is retiring after 36 years of dedicated service
9 to his students; and

10 WHEREAS, his passion for the agriculture and livestock
11 industry and his understanding of the hard work required for the
12 industry stem from his childhood while growing up in a family that
13 was dedicated to the livestock industry; and

14 WHEREAS, to harness his passion for the agriculture and
15 livestock industry, a young Mike Dale graduated from Oak Grove
16 High School and went on to attend Pearl River Community College
17 before transferring to Mississippi State University, where he
18 earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and extension



19 education, and later earned his master's degree in agriculture and
20 extension education while also working as a full-time teacher; and

21 WHEREAS, as the agriculture teacher and farm manager at
22 FCAHS, his enthusiasm for training his students during his tenure
23 has translated into numerous achievements by his students, such as
24 winning local, state and national Future Farmers of America (FFA)
25 competitions, serving as state officers of the Mississippi FFA,
26 and going on to have prosperous careers in agriculture, including
27 becoming agriculture teachers in their own communities; and

28 WHEREAS, as farm manager, his enthusiasm is evidenced by the
29 growth of the FCAHS 320-acre campus which now includes nearly two
30 hundred head of livestock, a commercial cow/calf operation, a herd
31 of hair sheep, meat goats, horses and pigs, and the numerous wins
32 by his students in local and state livestock competitions; and

33 WHEREAS, under Mr. Dale's leadership, students not only meet
34 the daily needs of the livestock, but also are challenged to solve
35 problems that arise, such as building fences, constructing barns,
36 administering vaccines, managing pastureland, cutting hay, welding
37 projects and much more and how to use these resources to
38 understand the origins of their food and fiber; and

39 WHEREAS, Mr. Dale's guidance has been instrumental in helping
40 students prepare their animals for local, district and state level
41 shows such as the State Fair and the Dixie National Livestock
42 Show, and he can also be credited for playing a special role in
43 bringing about a Hair Sheep Division at these state-level shows in



44 order to showcase animals that play a role in our state's
45 agriculture sector; and

46 WHEREAS, Mr. Dale has earned countless awards which recognize
47 his talents as an outstanding educator; and

48 WHEREAS, many in the agriculture, livestock and education
49 arenas have recognized and celebrated Mr. Dale's many efforts with
50 countless awards and recognition; and

51 WHEREAS, Mr. Dale has not only been dedicated to his
52 students, but he has always been especially dedicated to his wife
53 Cheryl, who is the Dean of the School of Business at William Carey
54 University, and their triplet sons -- Landon, Linden and Logan,
55 all of whom graduated from FCAHS and went on to receive their
56 bachelor degrees from Mississippi State University, and have
57 successful careers tied to the agricultural industry; and

58 WHEREAS, Mr. Dale encompasses all aspects of the best of the
59 Future Farmers of America (FFA) creed which can be summed up in
60 the final statement of the creed, which states, "I believe that
61 American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions
62 of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home
63 and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring
64 task."; and

65 WHEREAS, as shown by his many contributions to his students
66 and the industry, he has exerted positive influences in his
67 community and home by creating traditions within and beyond FCAHS
68 and the Mississippi FFA Association; and



69 WHEREAS, many families and business people revere Mr. Mike
70 Dale because they have witnessed the countless hours of time spent
71 to nurture the talents of his students coupled with his passion
72 for the agricultural industry, which have left an impressive
73 impact that will forever "stand solid" for his part in shaping the
74 future of Mississippi's agriculture industry; and

75 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
76 honor educators such as Mr. Mike Dale whose passion and commitment
77 to his students are immeasurable and enhance the minds and lives
78 of our youth and one of our most treasured industries,
79 Agriculture:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
81 REPRESENTATIVES STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby honor
82 agriculture teacher and farm manager Mr. Mike Dale for his 36
83 years of dedicated service to the students of Forrest County
84 Agricultural High School and congratulate him upon his retirement.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
86 furnished to Mike Dale and to the members of Capitol Press Corps.

