

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Barnett, Blackwell, Burton, Carmichael, Caughman, Dearing, Frazier, Jackson (15th), Jackson (32nd), McMahan, Michel, Seymour, Watson, Wilemon, Witherspoon To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 540

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO THE 18 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
3 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ACHIEVING AN "A" ACCREDITATION RATING FOR
4 THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

5 WHEREAS, we join the students, parents, teachers and
6 administrators of 18 Mississippi public school districts as they
7 celebrate their recent success in achieving the top score on the
8 A-F accreditation grading scale for the 2017-2018 school year; and

9 WHEREAS, "Our superintendents have worked diligently to
10 implement higher learning goals in their districts, and the
11 teachers and administrators should be commended for their hard
12 work as evidenced by Mississippi's performance on the National
13 Assessment of Educational Progress," State Superintendent of
14 Education Carey Wright said; and

15 WHEREAS, a list of the 18 Mississippi "A" school districts
16 and their superintendents is as follows:

17	<u>LOCATION/DISTRICT</u>	<u>SUPERINTENDENT</u>
18	Enterprise School District	Josh Perkins
19	Clinton Public School District	Dr. Tim Martin



20	Rankin County School District	Dr. Sue Townsend
21	Madison County School District	
22	Central Office	Kimber Haliburton
23	North Tippah Consolidated	
24	School District	Bill Brand
25	Tishomingo County Special Municipal	
26	Separate School District	Christie Holly
27	Booneville School District	Dr. Todd English
28	Union County School District	Ken Basil
29	Pontotoc City School District	Dr. Michelle L. Bivens
30	Petal School District	Dr. Matt Dillion
31	Lamar County School District	Tess R. Smith
32	Ocean Springs School District	Dr. Bonita Coleman
33	Biloxi Public School District	Arthur McMillan
34	Long Beach School District	Jay Smith
35	Pass Christian Public School District	Dr. Carla Evers
36	Lafayette County School District	Dr. Adam Pugh
37	Oxford School District	Brian Harvey
38	DeSoto County School District	Cory Uselton; and

39 WHEREAS, the Mississippi School Improvement Program has the
 40 responsibility of reviewing and accrediting the public school
 41 districts in Mississippi. The process of accrediting school
 42 districts is mandated by state law and by State Board of Education
 43 regulation. The department reviews each district's accreditation
 44 status and the academic progress rate (APR) supporting data to



45 identify trends and status in performance outcomes. Other
46 considerations include rigorous analysis of key statistics,
47 Comprehensive School Improvement Plans, previous Department
48 Multi-Subject Instructional Period (MSIP) findings, financial
49 status, compliance with regulations and statutes, and
50 superintendent certification. A district's accreditation
51 classification remains intact until the State Board of Education
52 rules otherwise. Parents are always looking for quality
53 instructional programs and educational opportunities that are
54 available throughout these districts; and

55 WHEREAS, as a state, we continue to make sustained progress.
56 Clearly, the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom in
57 Mississippi is improving, and more importantly, student
58 performance is improving. Although the quality of education in
59 Mississippi is improving, schools and districts across the country
60 are also improving. In this competitive global economy, the
61 administrators, teachers and students at these "A" rated school
62 districts have worked extremely hard to make the significant gains
63 reflected by this state; and

64 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the education
65 profession in recognizing the excellent academic progress made by
66 A-rated districts which bring honor to their schools, their
67 communities and to the State of Mississippi:

68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
69 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That



70 we do hereby extend the congratulations of the Mississippi
71 Legislature to the 18 public school districts and school
72 superintendents achieving an "A" accreditation rating for the
73 2017-2018 school year, and extend our best wishes to these school
74 administrators, teachers, students and parents on the occasion of
75 this achievement.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
77 the superintendents of the A-rated school districts, forwarded to
78 the State Board of Education, and made available to the Capitol
79 Press Corps.

