

By: Senator(s) Butler, Simmons (13th),
Witherspoon

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DR. FELECIA M. NAVE AS THE FIRST
2 FEMALE AND 20TH PRESIDENT OF ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY AND
3 CONGRATULATING HER ON THE OCCASION OF HER INAUGURATION ON APRIL
4 16, 2021.

5 WHEREAS, we join the students, faculty, administration and
6 alumni of Alcorn State University in welcoming Dr. Felecia M. Nave
7 as the first female and 20th President of her alma mater Alcorn
8 State University on April 16, 2021; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Nave is a second-generation Alcornite and has
10 spent 18-plus years in higher education. She hopes to use her
11 ties to the school and her experience to strengthen programs and
12 establish new initiatives to drive the university forward; and

13 WHEREAS, the theme of Nave's commencement will be "Dare to
14 Lead," and focuses on the fulfillment of ambitious dreams. The
15 inauguration will also highlight pioneers in the community; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Nave will serve as the Chief Executive Officer
17 of the nation's oldest public land-grant Historically Black
18 Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in Lorman, Mississippi. Dr. Nave
19 will have administrative oversight for Alcorn's 1,700-acre Lorman



20 campus and branch locations in Natchez and Vicksburg, Mississippi;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, prior to her appointment as Alcorn's President, she
23 served as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at
24 North Carolina Central University, where she served as the
25 university's Chief Academic Officer. Prior to joining North
26 Carolina Central University, Dr. Nave served in various academic
27 and administrative roles at Prairie View A&M University in Prairie
28 View, Texas, from 2003 until 2018; and

29 WHEREAS, some of Dr. Nave's awards include: University of
30 Toledo Department of Chemical Engineering Outstanding Alumna
31 Award, 2019; American Institute of Chemical Engineers Minority
32 Affairs Committee Eminent Scholars Award, 2017; Top 30 Influential
33 Women of Houston Award, 2015; Who's Who in Black Houston, 2015;
34 and Diverse Issues Emerging Scholars Under 40, 2013; and

35 WHEREAS, Dr. Nave graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's
36 Degree in Chemistry from Alcorn State University in 1996. She
37 holds a Master's Degree in Chemical and Environmental Engineering
38 and a Doctorate in Engineering, both from the University of Toledo
39 in Toledo, Ohio; and

40 WHEREAS, she is married to Tracie Nave and they have four
41 children: Jaylon, Justin, Kennedy and Jonathan; and

42 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we welcome Dr. Nave back
43 to her alma mater and commend her as a daily reminder of what an
44 Alcorn education can do:



45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize Dr. Felecia M. Nave as
47 the first female and 20th President of Alcorn State University and
48 congratulate her on the occasion of her inauguration on April 16,
49 2021, and welcome Dr. Nave and her family back to Mississippi and
50 her alma mater.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
52 Dr. Felicia Nave, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of State
53 Institutions of Higher Learning, and made available to the Capitol
54 Press Corps.

