

By: Senator(s) Michel, Harkins, Butler
(38th), Jackson (11th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING SISTER PAULA BLOUIN UPON THE OCCASION
2 OF HER RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF ASSISI EARLY LEARNING CENTER.

3 WHEREAS, Sister (Sr.) Paula Blouin, School Sisters of Notre
4 Dame (SSND), has retired as Director of Assisi Early Learning
5 Center in Madison, Mississippi, after selflessly dedicating over
6 three decades to the Center; and

7 WHEREAS, the Madison County community has benefited
8 tremendously from the educational and religious leadership
9 throughout her tenure; and

10 WHEREAS, Sister Paula dedicated her life to religious service
11 and apostolic work in August 1964; and

12 WHEREAS, Sister Paula's vision for a Catholic Early Learning
13 Center in Madison County was brought to fruition under her
14 leadership. She has served since late 1986 and was able to open
15 the doors of the Early Learning Center as a ministry of St.
16 Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in 1987; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to fulfilling her duties and
18 responsibilities as Director of Assisi Early Learning Center,



19 Sister Paula also was actively a leader of charity, care, support
20 and guidance at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Flowood,
21 Mississippi; and

22 WHEREAS, Sister Paula has worked tirelessly to help each
23 child who comes through the Early Learning Center to grow and
24 develop in wisdom, stature and favor with God and man; and

25 WHEREAS, thousands of children and families have had the
26 opportunity to experience the rarity of this single individual who
27 holds a tenure of this magnitude, while leading the Early Learning
28 Center through a myriad of economic and social changes. Sister
29 Paula is demonstrative of the strength, grace, dignity and
30 unwavering commitment to put children first with a servant's
31 heart; and

32 WHEREAS, we join the parents and alumni of Assisi Early
33 Learning Center in honoring this exceptional lady:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
35 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the distinguished career
36 and meritorious service of Sister Paula Blouin as Director of the
37 Assisi Early Learning Center and congratulate her upon the
38 occasion of her retirement on December 31, 2021, after 35 years of
39 outstanding service, and extend the best wishes of the Legislature
40 for continued health and prosperity.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
42 Sister Paula Blouin, forwarded to the Catholic Diocese of Jackson,
43 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

