

By: Representatives Bounds, Roberson

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. KENT HOBLET FOR HIS
2 MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF
3 VETERINARY MEDICINE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY AND
4 CONGRATULATING HIM UPON LEAVING A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE AT THE
5 UNIVERSITY.

6 WHEREAS, the longtime and esteemed Dean of Mississippi
7 State's College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Kent Hoblet, decided
8 to give up his full-time role as dean on January 1, 2023, to
9 become a part-time faculty member; and

10 WHEREAS, this distinguished doctor has served as dean for 17
11 years, where he worked daily to ensure that the veterinary program
12 became a competitive, cutting edge program that prepared students
13 for the profession; and

14 WHEREAS, during his years of leadership, the school's
15 veterinary program experienced substantial growth and depth, such
16 as distinctive programs that require two full years of mentored
17 clinical education for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine students,
18 masters and Ph.D programs, as well as veterinary medical



19 technology programs, which allow students to attain a strong,
20 multi-species foundation; and

21 WHEREAS, also during his leadership, college revenue
22 increased, faculty positions increased, student enrollment
23 increased, research productivity increased and global study abroad
24 opportunities increased; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Hoblet also led the formation of the Animal
26 Emergency and Referral Center in Flowood, Mississippi, program and
27 the formation of the Veterinary Specialty Center in Starkville and
28 the college to full COE accreditation over three accreditation
29 cycles; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Hoblet is especially proud that he was able to
31 develop the program in such a manner that students obtain more
32 surgical experience prior to graduation than nearly any other
33 program in the country; and

34 WHEREAS, Dr. Hoblet earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
35 and master's degrees at Ohio State University, where he served on
36 the faculty from 1983 until moving to Mississippi State in 2006,
37 with 15 of those years as chair of the Department of Veterinary
38 Preventative Medicine and as the university's Extension
39 veterinarian for dairy cattle; and

40 WHEREAS, before serving with Ohio State University, Dr.
41 Hoblet was a partner in a private veterinary practice for 12 years
42 in Ashland, Ohio:



43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
45 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Dr. Kent Hoblet for his many
46 years of dedicated service as Dean of the College of Veterinary
47 Medicine at Mississippi State University and congratulate him upon
48 leaving a legacy of excellence at the university.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 furnished to Dr. Kent Hoblet, the President of Mississippi State
51 University and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

