

By: Representative Sanders

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MRS. ELNORA F.
2 LITTLETON FOR HER LEADERSHIP AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND HEAD
3 START DIRECTOR FOR THE BOLIVAR COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY/
4 HEAD START IN CLEVELAND.

5 WHEREAS, an innovator, educator and revered community leader,
6 Elnora F. Littleton is the current Executive Director and Head
7 Start Director for the Bolivar County Community Action Agency/Head
8 Start in Cleveland, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Littleton holds a bachelor of science degree in
10 early childhood education from Mississippi Valley State University
11 and received certification in early childhood from Tuskegee
12 Institute, and she has certification in community development from
13 Delta State University and is a certified Parent as Teacher
14 instructor, a CDA advisor and trainer and has been designated
15 CLASS Reliable by Teachstone; and

16 WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, Mrs. Littleton has
17 benefitted the field of preschool education with her devotion and
18 care, as she began her career as a teacher assistant for BCCAA in
19 1965 and has held several positions including teacher, Center



20 Director, Nutrition Director, Education/Disabilities Transition
21 Director, Head Start/Early Head Director and currently, Executive
22 Director/Head Start Director, and she has ensured that each of the
23 six Head Start Centers in Bolivar County are NAEYC accredited; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Littleton is very active throughout the entire
25 Bolivar County community and serves as an advocate for families
26 and children, as she is the president of the Mississippi Head
27 Start Association and also a member of the Region IV Head Start
28 Association, and she has received numerous awards and recognition
29 as Staff of the Year on the local, state and national level, Woman
30 of the Year for West Bolivar County, and Community Leader from the
31 100 Black Men of Bolivar County as well as numerous other
32 accolades from organizations; and

33 WHEREAS, in her role as Executive Director, Mrs. Littleton
34 oversees more than 250 employees and has been instrumental and
35 supportive in encouraging, even prior to the mandates, her
36 teaching staff to obtain their degrees in early childhood
37 education, including the teacher assistants, and because she works
38 closely with local universities to provide educational
39 opportunities for the teaching staff, she has ensured that more
40 than 95 percent of the teachers, assistants and caregivers at
41 BCCAA/HS/EHS have bachelor of science degrees, associate in arts
42 degrees or other credentials, and several are in the process of
43 receiving their masters degrees; and



44 WHEREAS, Mrs. Littleton has been influential in securing
45 partnerships with all three local school districts in Bolivar
46 County to ensure that children throughout the county receive
47 needed services at no cost to the families, and through these
48 partnerships, BCCAA/HS/EHS has received classroom materials and
49 computers, as well as grants for more than \$80,000 for the Head
50 Start Centers; and

51 WHEREAS, she has organized, established and overseen some of
52 the largest transition exercises for 200 to 300 students entering
53 kindergarten each year, and Mrs. Littleton conducts and attends
54 workshops and trainings throughout the state and country, works
55 closely with organizations, and oversees state programs such as
56 CSBG, LIHEAP, LIWAP, RAPID RE-HOUSING homeless program,
57 DWOA/Workforce, Aging, Meals on Wheels, and GED; and

58 WHEREAS, when she is not serving in her role as executive
59 director, Mrs. Littleton is also the founder and pastor of
60 Changing Your World Ministries in Rosedale, Mississippi, and she
61 is a woman who loves God, is dedicated to His word and enjoys
62 spreading the word to the world; and

63 WHEREAS, as a lifelong educator who was filled with an
64 eagerness to mold the minds of the younger generation, Mrs.
65 Littleton's cardinal guidance, devoted leadership and encouraging
66 words are an illuminated beacon of promise to the students,
67 faculty and staff of the Head Start Program in Bolivar County,
68 Mississippi, as she strenuously strives to ensure that the



69 children entrusted to her tutelage are successful in their
70 academic pursuits and in each facet of their lives moving forward;
71 and

72 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
73 commend and congratulate outstanding Mississippians such as Mrs.
74 Elnora F. Littleton, whose superb leadership and instruction as
75 the Executive Director and Head Start Director for the Bolivar
76 County Community Action Agency/Head Start in Cleveland has
77 equipped the children of Bolivar County with the knowledge and
78 education they need to successfully embark on their individual
79 journeys, ultimately bettering the lives of the citizens of our
80 great Magnolia State:

81 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
82 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
83 recognize and honor Mrs. Elnora F. Littleton for her leadership as
84 the Executive Director and Head Start Director for the Bolivar
85 County Community Action Agency/Head Start in Cleveland, and extend
86 most sincere wishes for continued success in all of her future
87 endeavors.

88 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
89 furnished to Mrs. Elnora F. Littleton and to the members of the
90 Capitol Press Corps.

