

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 130

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND
2 MERITORIOUS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE THAT MRS. JACKIE GRANBERRY
3 PROVIDED TO THE STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF OF HINDS COMMUNITY
4 COLLEGE UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, after 42 years of remarkable dedication to the
6 students, faculty and staff of Hinds Community College, Mrs.
7 Jackie Granberry, a native of Flowood, Mississippi, retired from
8 her position as the Executive Director of the Hinds Community
9 College Foundation in January 2022 after providing exemplary
10 service to the entire Hinds family and to the higher education of
11 students in Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Granberry began her illustrious career with
13 Hinds Community College at the Raymond campus on August 6, 1979,
14 at the suggestion of Irl Dean Rhodes, who made a phone call to
15 then Dean Dr. Clyde Muse, who hired her as a counselor at the
16 college, and through her tenure with the college, she has served
17 as a recruiter, Vice President for Advancement and as Executive
18 Director of the Hinds Community College Foundation; and



19 WHEREAS, on November 4, 2021, the Foundation Board, led by
20 the efforts of the chairman at that time, Percy Thornton, and the
21 incoming chairman, Jimmy Morton, pledged to endow the Jackie
22 Mangum Granberry Scholarship, which was established in 2008 by a
23 gift from Dorothy Miley to show her appreciation and love for Mrs.
24 Granberry, who has always been about the students; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Granberry co-founded, and for years, led Hinds
26 Connection, the college's student recruiting and public relations
27 group, and she has been the inspiration behind more than 40 years
28 of Hinds awards programs and events, including the annual Golf Fun
29 Fest that has raised \$1.5 million for student scholarships; and

30 WHEREAS, with her leadership, the Foundation has grown to
31 include \$34.7 million in assets, an Endowment of more than \$10.2
32 million and about \$17 million in scholarship funds, and the
33 Foundation typically awards \$2.5 million annually in student
34 scholarships; and

35 WHEREAS, despite all of the money she has helped raise for
36 the college, Mrs. Granberry is best known for her down-to-earth,
37 bubbly personality, effervescent smile and the one-on-one
38 relationships she instantly creates with each person who has the
39 opportunity to meet her and experience her greatness; and

40 WHEREAS, Mrs. Granberry's long career at Hinds is filled with
41 many achievements and honors, including being the college's first
42 recruiter and first female vice president, becoming the youngest
43 employee to earn the college's prestigious 3-E Award, which stands



44 for Emphasis on Excellence and Enrichment, and is the college's
45 highest employee distinction, receiving the LifeStar and Hinds
46 Heroes employee awards, serving as co-chair of the Centennial
47 committee and being named among the 100 People Passionate about
48 Hinds; and

49 WHEREAS, while Mrs. Granberry's legacy began with working
50 directly with students, starting Hinds Connection and taking the
51 Foundation to new levels, she is ending her career not only with
52 the endowed scholarship carrying her name but also starting a new
53 volunteer group for Hinds retirees, like herself, to serve the
54 college in new ways, from helping at special events to tackling
55 time-consuming tasks in college offices, as service and students
56 remain her passion and her mission; and

57 WHEREAS, Mrs. Granberry is married to the love of her life,
58 Mr. Kenny Granberry, who has supported her throughout her career,
59 and they have two children, Michael and Christy; and

60 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
61 recognize and commend the tireless devotion to the betterment of
62 Mississippi and honor the ardent vow to impeccable service that
63 Mrs. Jackie Granberry provided to the students, faculty and staff
64 of Hinds Community College for over 42 years:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
66 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
67 commend the distinguished career and meritorious leadership and
68 service that Mrs. Jackie Granberry provided to the students,



69 faculty and staff of Hinds Community College upon the occasion of
70 her retirement, and extend sincere wishes for continued success
71 and joy in the lighter days ahead.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
73 furnished to Mrs. Jackie Granberry and to the members of the
74 Capitol Press Corps.

