

By: Representatives Holloway, Currie,
Newman, Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 143

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING DR. JANE G. HULON
2 SIMS UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF
3 COPIAH-LINCOLN COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Jane G. Hulon Sims will retire as president of
5 Copiah-Lincoln Community College (Co-Lin) on June 30, 2023, after
6 dedicating over 34 outstanding years to education in Mississippi;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school and Jones County
9 Junior College, Dr. Hulon Sims earned a bachelor of science degree
10 and a master of education degree in curriculum and instruction
11 from the University of Southern Mississippi, and earned her Ph.D.
12 from Mississippi State University in higher education
13 administration; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Hulon Sims joined the staff of Copiah-Lincoln
15 Community College, and served as Director of Planning and Research
16 from 1999 until 2002, and after a couple years, she returned to
17 Co-Lin as Dean of Academic Instruction in 2004, and was named Vice
18 President of Instructional Services in 2008, and later, she was



19 named Vice President of the Wesson Campus in 2017, and then she
20 was selected as President of Copenhag-Lincoln Community College on
21 July 1, 2018; and

22 WHEREAS, upon becoming Copenhag-Lincoln President, Dr. Hulon
23 Sims increased the Co-Lin Foundation's endowment to over \$10.8
24 million; instituted new instructional programs, scholarships, and
25 student services that have increased student success and
26 graduation rates; created new partnerships with universities,
27 businesses and industries in the Co-Lin district; reinstated both
28 men's and women's soccer in 2020; and the Blue Wave Show Band grew
29 to be the largest band in school history; and

30 WHEREAS, under Dr. Hulon Sims' leadership, construction
31 projects included the installation of turf and a jumbotron at
32 Stone Stadium (2019), an eight-court tennis complex (2020), a new
33 president's home (2020), campus entrance sign (2020), the
34 Career-Technical Building at the Simpson County Center (2020),
35 Diesel Lab at the Natchez Campus (2021), phase one of renovations
36 at Sullivan Baseball Field (2023), renovations made at the
37 Cosmetology lab (2020), Franklin and Simpson residence halls
38 (2020), bridge replacements at Wolf Hollow Golf Course (2021), The
39 Wolf Den Grill and Smoothie Bar (2022), Fortenberry Career-Tech
40 Building classrooms (2022), Ellzey Hall phase two (2023), and PJ's
41 Coffee (2023); and

42 WHEREAS, Dr. Hulon Sims has seen the college's athletic
43 programs gain state and national recognition, with both softball



44 and men's basketball winning a MACCC championship title, and
45 numerous teams being nationally ranked on the field and
46 academically; and

47 WHEREAS, Dr. Hulon Sims has seen the college recognized on a
48 national and statewide level, ranked No. 1 in the state for
49 graduation rates, No. 1 for student success, being named A Great
50 College to Work For, and an Aspen Top 150 Community College; and

51 WHEREAS, as an exceptional leader during her tenure as
52 President of Copiah-Lincoln, Dr. Hulon Sims served as a
53 representative to the Mississippi Commission on College
54 Accreditation, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of
55 SACSCOC, Mississippi Academic Officers Association (Past
56 President), the Mississippi Association of Colleges, Southern
57 Association of Colleges with Associate Degrees, and American
58 Association of University Women; and

59 WHEREAS, over the years Dr. Hulon Sims has received many
60 notable honors, including the Phi Theta Kappa National
61 Distinguished Administrator Award, Phi Theta Kappa Paragon Award,
62 and Co-Lin's High Performance Award, and she was inducted into the
63 Co-Lin Foundation Hall of Fame; and

64 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
65 recognize and commend the outstanding contributions of
66 extraordinary academic leaders, especially those such as Dr. Jane
67 G. Hulon Sims, who has provided a quality educational environment
68 and curriculum to the students of this state who are its future:



69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
70 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
71 commend the exemplary and dedicated services of Dr. Jane Hulon
72 Sims, congratulate her upon the occasion of her retirement as
73 President of Copiah-Lincoln Community College, and express warmest
74 wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
76 furnished to Dr. Jane G. Hulon Sims and to the members of the
77 Capitol Press Corps.

