

By: Senator(s) Barnett

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 91

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. KIANA
 2 PENDLETON, PRINCIPAL OF LAUREL MAGNET SCHOOL OF THE ARTS IN
 3 LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, FOR BEING NAMED THE CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES
 4 CLASS OF EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATORS PROGRAM 2023 "INSPIRE AWARD
 5 WINNER."

6 WHEREAS, Curriculum Associates created the Extraordinary
 7 Educators Program to celebrate and connect Best in Class Educators
 8 from across the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, the 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators includes
 10 an elite group of 30 K-8 educators and one administrator from
 11 across the country who illustrate growth and achievement via
 12 formal assessments, demonstrate classroom innovation and
 13 engagement practices for students, are evangelists for high
 14 standards and student achievement, and exhibit best-in-class use
 15 of i-Ready and/or Ready instructional resources designed by
 16 Curriculum Associates in their classroom; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Kiana Pendleton was named as the "Inspire Award
 18 Winner" for the 2023 Class of Extraordinary Educators, as she



19 personifies the ideals that Curriculum Associates sets forth with
20 the program; and

21 WHEREAS, Kiana Pendleton is a standout leader who understands
22 the support and resources teachers and students alike need in
23 order to succeed, and she works hard day-in and day-out to show
24 her dedication to her school community; and

25 WHEREAS, one of Kiana Pendleton's favorite quotations is,
26 "The world needs dreamers, and the world needs doers. But above
27 all, the world needs dreamers who do." She sees herself as a
28 dreamer who is dedicated to doing the work to inspire children;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, under Dr. Pendleton's leadership, Laurel Magnet
31 School of the Arts reached an "A" rating, the highest rating it
32 had seen in over a decade during the 2018-2019 school year, and it
33 has maintained that rating since; and

34 WHEREAS, since being selected as the 2023 Class of
35 Extraordinary Educators "Inspire Award Winner," Kiana Pendleton
36 has received recognition locally and nationally. She has gained
37 access to a network of peers from around the country, earned
38 professional development opportunities, and will have the
39 opportunity to participate and present at the Extraordinary
40 Educators Leadership Summit; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize excellence
42 in the accomplishments and remarkable service of educators of
43 Kiana Pendleton's exceptional caliber, who have tirelessly and



44 selflessly devoted their lives to imparting light and knowledge
45 into the bright scholars of this state:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE,
47 That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Kiana Pendleton,
48 Principal of Laurel Magnet School of the Arts in Laurel,
49 Mississippi, for being named as the Curriculum Associates Class of
50 Extraordinary Educators Program 2023 "Inspire Award Winner" and
51 extend sincerest wishes for continued success in all of her future
52 endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 Dr. Kiana Pendleton and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

