

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.

