

By: Senator(s) McCaughn, Suber, Younger,
Harkins, Williams, England, Seymour, DeLano,
Whaley, Simmons (12th), Barnett, Butler
(38th), Frazier, Hopson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND
2 SERVICE OF LONGTIME DEAN OF MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
3 OF VETERINARY MEDICINE DR. KENT HOBLET ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
4 RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, we join the students and faculty of Mississippi
6 State University in honoring the longtime Dean of the College of
7 Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Kent Hoblet, who announced his plans to
8 transition to a part-time faculty role, effective Jan. 1, 2023.
9 Dean Hoblet has led CVM as Dean for 17 years; and

10 WHEREAS, "Dr. Hoblet's tenure as Dean has resulted in the
11 substantial growth and strengthening of our outstanding veterinary
12 medicine programs," said MSU President Mark E. Keenum. "Dr.
13 Hoblet has provided outstanding leadership, and I am appreciative
14 that MSU will continue to benefit from his contributions as a
15 faculty member"; and

16 WHEREAS, MSU Vice President for the Division of Agriculture,
17 Forestry and Veterinary Medicine Keith Coble said Hoblet has
18 overseen CVM's distinctive programs that require two full years of
19 mentored clinical education for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine



20 students. The college also offers Ph.D. and Master's Degree
21 Programs, as well as a Veterinary Medical Technology Program.
22 Students attain a strong, multi-species foundation and may focus
23 on species or discipline interests; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Hoblet's distinguished service has been integral
25 to the college and the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and
26 Veterinary Medicine. He has led faculty who are internationally
27 recognized in their fields for educating future leaders,
28 researching and developing health solutions, and serving
29 communities through the highest quality of diagnostics and
30 clinical care. He oversaw the following significant improvements
31 in the college: increase in college revenue; increase in faculty
32 positions; increase in student enrollment; increase in research
33 productivity; increase in study abroad opportunities and enhanced
34 global impact of CVM; launched the veterinary medical technology
35 program; led development of a shelter medicine program; initiated
36 the DVM/Ph.D program; led formation of the Animal Emergency and
37 Referral Center in Flowood, Mississippi; led formation of the
38 Veterinary Specialty Center in Starkville, Mississippi; numerous
39 improvements to CVM facilities and infrastructure; and guided the
40 college to full COE accreditation over three accreditation cycles;
41 and

42 WHEREAS, Dean Hoblet earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
43 and Master's Degrees at Ohio State University, where he served on
44 the faculty from 1983 until moving to Mississippi State in 2006.



45 For much of his time at OSU, he served as Chair of the Department
46 of Veterinary Preventative Medicine and as the university's
47 extension veterinarian for dairy cattle. He previously operated a
48 private veterinary practice for 12 years in Ashland, Ohio; and

49 WHEREAS, he is especially proud that CVM offers DVM students
50 more surgical experience prior to graduation than nearly any other
51 program in the country. Students have high match rates for
52 internships and residencies, opportunities for clinical training
53 in six locations, training in marine animal medicine, extremely
54 high national board examination passage rates, as well as high
55 employment rates and starting salaries. "MSU students in the
56 College of Veterinary Medicine have opportunities to learn from
57 the best, and it has been my pleasure to serve as Dean for a
58 renowned institution at one of the nation's leading research
59 universities," Hoblet said. "I anticipate CVM will make many more
60 strides in the future as new leaders will continue to advance the
61 mission of teaching, research and service"; and

62 WHEREAS, MSU's College of Veterinary Medicine—one of only 32
63 accredited veterinary medicine programs throughout the U.S.—was
64 established by the Mississippi Legislature in 1974; and

65 WHEREAS, Dean Hoblet (Dr. Hob) has established strengths in
66 areas critical to both the veterinary profession and the nation's
67 health, and it is with great pride that we join and commend this
68 Mississippi university Dean who has brought honor to his
69 university, his community and to the State of Mississippi:



70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
71 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize the outstanding
72 leadership and service of longtime Dean of Mississippi State
73 University College of Veterinary Medicine Dr. Kent Hoblet on the
74 occasion of his retirement, and extend to Dr. Hoblet and his
75 family the best wishes of the Mississippi Senate for success as
76 they transition to retirement.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
78 Dr. Hob and his family, forwarded to MSU President Mark Keenum and
79 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and
80 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

