

By: Representative Lamar

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER
2 AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF MR. LAWRENCE "BUD" YOUNG TO NORTHWEST
3 MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, since commencing his bull riding career at the age
5 of 12 years old in 1957 and subsequently with the International
6 Professional Rodeo Association in 1964, Mr. Lawrence "Bud" Young
7 has made his mark on the rodeo profession, a mark that will
8 forever be chronicled in the annals of Mississippi as a 2005
9 Northwest Sports Hall of Fame and 2013 Mississippi Association of
10 Community and Junior College Sports Hall Of Fame inductee, and
11 continually heralded around the campus of Northwest Mississippi
12 Community College upon his second retirement after 49 years of
13 distinguished service as rodeo coach; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Young made his debut on Northwest's campus in
15 1973 as an instructor in livestock management technology, and
16 inaugurated the college's first rodeo team that same year, which
17 quickly garnered the reputation of champions who have
18 traditionally earned awards in local, regional and national



19 competition in the bareback riding, bull riding, barrel racing,
20 steer wrestling and All-Around categories; and

21 WHEREAS, with 36 years to his credit at the time of his first
22 retirement in 2009, Coach Young was the longest tenured in
23 Northwest's athletic history, which also encompassed 18 years as
24 the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) facility
25 director and two terms as the association's president; and

26 WHEREAS, an active member of the International Professional
27 Rodeo Association who, in his former years, competed in the PRCA,
28 CRA, RA and the Deep South Rodeo Association, "Bud," as he is
29 affectionately called, was doubly honored in 2005 with the
30 announcement of the Lawrence "Bud" Young Endowed Scholarship for
31 the benefit of students in the college rodeo program; and

32 WHEREAS, since retirement, Mr. Young has consistently
33 maintained his commitment to Northwest involvement as the arena
34 manager of the Northwest Multipurpose Arena and as an adjunct
35 faculty member teaching plant science, in addition to his work as
36 a workshops and seminary facilitator for area high school
37 students, private groups and members of the Little Britches Rodeo
38 Association; and

39 WHEREAS, in 2015, "Bud" was honored by the National Day of
40 the Cowboy (NDOC) organization at the Bryant Lane Cowboy Church,
41 with the Cowboy Keeper Award, which is presented to those
42 individuals who make significant contributions to the preservation
43 of cowboy culture and pioneer heritage, further highlighted by the



44 recipient's impeccable character, joyful work ethic, passion for
45 educating the public about cowboys, leadership and a high degree
46 of creativity; and

47 WHEREAS, a true Northwest legacy, whose grandfather attended
48 Northwest when it was a high school, the place of inception for
49 his parent's meeting, beginning relationship and eventual
50 marriage, and where he, his son and grandson all attended as proud
51 alums, Mr. Young's name and significance are synonymous with
52 Northwest; and

53 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the
54 laudable career and contributions of truly exceptional individuals
55 of Mr. Young's caliber, whose passion for service are the
56 benchmark for excellence by which we all should pattern our lives:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
59 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the distinguished career and
60 dedicated service of Mr. Lawrence "Bud" Young to Northwest
61 Mississippi Community College upon the occasion of his retirement,
62 and extend best wishes for continued health and prosperity in the
63 years to come.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to Mr. Lawrence "Bud" Young, the President of Northwest
66 Mississippi Community College and to the members of the Capitol
67 Press Corps.

