

By: Representative McGee

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND
 2 MERITORIOUS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE THAT MR. SCOTT GRIFFITH
 3 PROVIDED TO THE STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF OF PRESBYTERIAN
 4 CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AS ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS
 5 RETIREMENT.

6 WHEREAS, after 41 years of remarkable dedication to the
 7 students, faculty and staff of Presbyterian Christian School
 8 (PCS), Mr. Scott Griffith is retiring from his position as
 9 Elementary Principal after providing exemplary service to the
 10 entire Presbyterian Christian School and the citizens of
 11 Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, born on February 10, 1953, in Waynesboro,
 13 Mississippi, Mr. Griffith was the only child of Paul and Ann Mary
 14 Griffith, and he was raised in Waynesboro and attended Central
 15 School and Wayne Central School; and

16 WHEREAS, after graduation, Mr. Griffith attended Jones County
 17 Junior College and then went on to attend the University of
 18 Southern Mississippi (USM), graduating in 1976 with a bachelor of
 19 science and master's in education; and



20 WHEREAS, on May 21, 1977, Mr. Griffith married Marian
21 McKinney, and they were married for 38 years until her death in
22 2015 after an extended battle with lung cancer, and they completed
23 their family unit with the addition of four wonderful children,
24 Anna (Ro) Taylor, Ben (Rebecca) Griffith, Molly (Vinnie) Athey,
25 and Sam (Devin) Griffith, as well as 10 grandchildren with one on
26 the way; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith were heavily involved at the
28 University of Southern Mississippi in the forming of the first
29 Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), which is a campus ministry
30 that is supported by the Presbyterian Church in America; and

31 WHEREAS, RUF began at the USM in 1973 and now serves over 150
32 college campuses nationwide, and three of Mr. Griffith's children
33 are now RUF ministers themselves or married to an RUF minister;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Griffith began his illustrious teaching career
36 at Presbyterian Christian School in 1977, and has served as the
37 principal of PCS Elementary since 1983, and PCS began in 1976 with
38 23 students meeting in the basement of Bay Street Presbyterian
39 Church, and in 1978, PCS moved to Woodland Presbyterian Church,
40 which continued to house the elementary school until the building
41 of its current campus on Bonhomie Road; and

42 WHEREAS, during his tenure at PCS, Mr. Griffith has taught
43 3rd grade, 6th grade, 8th grade English and Science, and 6th grade



44 Bible, and he has also coached flag football, basketball and
45 assisted in the beginning of the PCS cross country program; and

46 WHEREAS, Mr. Griffith has made numerous contributions to PCS
47 during his 41 years, including traditions such as the 6th grade
48 leaf walk, emphasizing catechisms and memory work in Bible,
49 organizing and championing the Spelling Bee each year, and perhaps
50 most importantly, playing "BUMP" at recess on the basketball
51 court; and

52 WHEREAS, Mr. Griffith's retirement in 2024 is not the end of
53 his involvement with PCS, as he plans on continuing to teach Bible
54 and to help run the clock at high school basketball games, and
55 when he is not at PCS, he hopes to have time to visit his children
56 and grandchildren more often, as well as finding time to hunt at
57 his Waynesboro camp; and

58 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
59 recognize and commend the tireless devotion to the betterment of
60 Mississippi and honor the ardent vow to impeccable service that
61 Mr. Scott Griffith provided to the students, faculty and staff of
62 Presbyterian Christian School for 41 years:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
64 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
65 commend the distinguished career and meritorious leadership and
66 service that Mr. Scott Griffith provided to the students, faculty
67 and staff of Presbyterian Christian School as Elementary Principal



68 upon the occasion of his retirement, and extend sincere wishes for
69 continued success and joy in the lighter days ahead.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
71 furnished to Mr. Scott Griffith and to the members of the Capitol
72 Press Corps.

