

By: Senator(s) Brumfield, Turner-Ford,
Butler, Barnett, Norwood, Simmons (12th),
Thomas, Simmons (13th), Jackson, Hickman,
Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 84

1 A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE EDUCATIONAL LEGACY OF DR. LESLIE
2 LEE DANIELS, THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRINCIPAL OF MCCOMB HIGH
3 SCHOOL, AND THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
4 MCCOMB AND GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COMMEND HIS
5 CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION.

6 WHEREAS, we join the citizens of McComb, Mississippi, in
7 remembering the public school dedication and advocacy of Dr.
8 Leslie Lee Daniels; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Leslie Lee Daniels began his teaching career in
10 the McComb School District in 1965 and served as Teacher and Coach
11 at Higgins High School. From there he moved up the educational
12 administration ladder to Assistant Principal, Principal, Assistant
13 Superintendent and Superintendent; and

14 WHEREAS, he was the first African-American Principal of
15 McComb High School when he assumed the position in 1976 under the
16 leadership of Superintendent Dr. Ted Alexander and served until
17 1986. He was the principal there when McComb High School was one
18 of 198 schools in the nation to be designated a "Model School" in
19 1983; and



20 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels went on to become Assistant
21 Superintendent of the McComb School District from 1986 to 1988 and
22 later became the first African-American Superintendent of the
23 district in 1989. Dr. Daniels served honorably as the
24 superintendent until 1996; and

25 WHEREAS, he helped eradicate the district's debt to put the
26 district on a sound financial basis. Dr. Daniels devoted 31 years
27 of his life to students in the McComb School District. He also
28 served on the Southwest Regional Medical Center Board of Directors
29 during this time in McComb; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels became the first African-American
31 Superintendent of the Greenwood School District, where he served
32 from 1996 to 2008 and oversaw the construction of a new
33 \$8,000,000.00 middle school without a bond issue; and

34 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels was inducted into the McComb School
35 District's Hall of Fame in 2010, and each year former LSU Coach
36 John Brady presented service awards to each school's "Teacher of
37 the Year", the district's "Teacher of the Year", and the
38 district's "Administrator of the Year" in memory of Dr. Leslie
39 Daniels; and

40 WHEREAS, we pay tribute to the dedicated career of this
41 professional educator and school administrator and most
42 public-spirited citizen of Mississippi whose leadership and
43 advocacy was a wonderful example for all:



44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby remember the educational legacy of
46 Dr. Leslie Lee Daniels, the first African-American Principal of
47 McComb High School and Superintendent of McComb and Greenwood
48 School Districts and commend his contributions to public
49 education.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
51 the family of Dr. Leslie Daniels, forwarded to the Superintendent
52 and Board of Trustees of the McComb School District and be made
53 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

