

By: Senator(s) Barnett, Robinson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 112

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CASEY WATTS OF
2 LAUREL MAGNET SCHOOL OF ARTS IN LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, FOR BEING
3 NAMED AN "EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATOR FOR 2024" BY CURRICULUM
4 ASSOCIATES.

5 WHEREAS, Curriculum Associates created the Extraordinary
6 Educators program to celebrate and connect "Best-in-Class"
7 teachers from across the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, the "2024 Class of Extraordinary Educators" includes
9 an elite group of 32 K-8 educators from across the country who
10 illustrate growth and achievement via formal assessments,
11 demonstrate classroom innovation and engagement practices for
12 students, are evangelists for high standards and student
13 achievement, and exhibit best-in-class use of i-Ready and/or Ready
14 instructional resources designed by Curriculum Associates in their
15 classroom; and

16 WHEREAS, Casey Watts was named as an inductee of the "2024
17 Class of Extraordinary Educators," as she personifies the ideals
18 that Curriculum Associates sets forth with the program; and



19 WHEREAS, Casey Watts, who teaches at Laurel Magnet School of
20 Arts, says effective instruction is not about how well she
21 teaches, but how well her students learn, and data helps her know
22 if students have grasped the concepts and informs her how to
23 proceed with her instruction throughout the year; and

24 WHEREAS, Casey Watts says that she believes in a "better
25 together" mentality, and that as an "Extraordinary Educator," she
26 is excited to learn new strategies and hopes the collaboration
27 benefits her classroom, her school, her district, and her state;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, as being inducted into the "2024 Class of
30 Extraordinary Educators," Casey Watts has received recognition
31 locally and nationally. She has gained access to a network of
32 peers from around the country, earned professional development
33 opportunities, and will have the opportunity to attend the
34 "Extraordinary Educators Leadership Summit" in Boston,
35 Massachusetts; and

36 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend
37 excellence in the accomplishments and remarkable service of
38 educators of Casey Watts's exceptional caliber, who have
39 tirelessly and selflessly devoted their lives to imparting light
40 and knowledge into the bright scholars of this state:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Casey
43 Watts of Laurel Magnet School of Arts in Laurel, Mississippi, for



44 being named as an inductee of the Curriculum Associates "2024
45 Class of Extraordinary Educators," and extend sincerest wishes for
46 continued success in all of her future endeavors.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 Casey Watts, forwarded to the Principal and School Board of Laurel
49 Magnet School of Arts, and made available to the Capitol Press
50 Corps.

