

By: Representatives Clark, James-Jones,
Summers

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. JENNIFER K. YOUNG WALLACE ON
2 BEING ELECTED THE FIFTH AFRICAN AMERICAN TO BE ELECTED NATIONAL
3 PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF TEACHER EDUCATORS.

4 WHEREAS, the esteemed Dr. Jennifer K. Young Wallace has been
5 elected president of the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE)
6 for the 2025-2026 term, and will receive her gavel at the national
7 convention in New Orleans in March; and

8 WHEREAS, upon taking this office, she makes history as the
9 fifth African American to be elected as national president of ATE
10 in its 104-year history and as the first president elected who is
11 a graduate and employee of a Historically Black College and
12 University (HBCU); and

13 WHEREAS, ATE was founded in 1920, and is the only national,
14 individual membership organization devoted solely to improving
15 teacher education for school – and campus-based teacher educators,
16 and today, ATE members represent nearly 1500 teacher educators in
17 colleges, universities, school districts, and state education



18 agencies within 41 regional and state-affiliated units and United
19 States territories; and

20 WHEREAS, upon being elected, Dr. Young Wallace was overcome
21 with great emotion and expressed, "I am deeply honored to be
22 elected President of a national educator's organization..."I'm
23 thankful to the ATE membership for electing me to such an
24 honorable position. I am excited about my team of educators from
25 higher education institutions in America."; and

26 WHEREAS, "Empowering a Global Community of Educators to Leave
27 a STAMP on Education: Social Emotional Learning, Transformational
28 Leadership, Advocacy, Multiculturalism, and
29 Professional-Practices" is Dr. Wallace's presidential theme during
30 her reign; and

31 WHEREAS, her presidential theme was inspired by the present
32 educational trends that encompass not only her research but the
33 research of a multitude of teacher educators in the world, and
34 being the dedicated leader that she is, she has already laid out
35 the groundwork for her commissions, task forces, and initiatives,
36 as the work has begun while she serves on ATE's Board as first
37 vice president; and

38 WHEREAS, a graduate of Alcorn State University, she is a
39 tenured associate professor/coordinator of the Educational
40 Leadership Doctoral Program for the College of Education and Human
41 Development at Jackson State University, where she was elected
42 chair of the university's Undergraduate Curriculum Committee,



2021-2023, where she presided over curriculum changes and modifications for all degrees at the university, and served as Faculty Senate Treasurer, 2023-2024, Appeals Committee Chair, 2022-2023; and

WHEREAS, she earned her bachelor's degree in English/journalism from Alcorn State University, a master's degree in counseling from Jackson State University, a master's degree in English education from Mississippi College, and a doctor of philosophy degree in educational administration from Jackson State University, she has also completed a two-year Bible training class from Word of Life Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wallace has served as keynote speaker for national organizations and conferences, as well as for collegiate and high school graduations, and presented her research on leadership and educational trends at numerous national conferences; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her many other professional accomplishments, she is also an astute author who has over 20 publications in national journals, encyclopedias, and numerous educational books, and many reviews published on the back cover; and

WHEREAS, she has also written the foreword and afterword for several books published by renowned educational publishing companies, and serves on a national educational research team that presents their work nationwide; and



68 WHEREAS, Dr. Wallace has served on numerous committees and
69 task forces for the Mississippi Department of Education, focusing
70 on teacher preparation, holds numerous K-12 educator licensures,
71 including principal administration, counseling, English, and
72 psychometry; she has received numerous local, state, and national
73 awards for her dedication to education and community; and

74 WHEREAS, she has served on numerous prestigious academic
75 boards, including the National Board of the Association of Teacher
76 Educators (2019-2022), where she worked to improve the
77 organization's sustainability, the JSU Margaret Walker Alexander
78 National Center Board as secretary, the Precious Children Mobile
79 Mission Board as Vice President, the Legislative Government
80 Relations Committee for the Association of Teacher Educators, a
81 three-year term on the Advocacy Committee for the American
82 Association for College Teachers of Education as one of seven
83 professors in the nation elected to the committee; and

84 WHEREAS, she has and continues to be supported in all her
85 endeavors by her loving husband, Michael A. Wallace; and

86 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
87 celebrate the achievement of Mississippi educators who bring
88 positive attention to our state by earning positions in the higher
89 echelons of their profession's organizations:

90 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
91 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
92 commend and congratulate Dr. Jennifer K. Young Wallace upon her



93 election as the National President of the Association of Teacher
94 Educators 2025-2026 and wish her success during her term.

95 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
96 furnished to Dr. Jennifer K. Young Wallace and to the members of
97 the Capitol Press Corps.

