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Blount, Boyd, Brumfield, Bryan, Butler,
Carter, Chassaniol, Chism, DeBar,
DeLano, England, Fillingane, Frazier,
Harkins, Hickman, Hill, Hopson, Horhn,
Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Kirby, Ladner,
McCaughn, McLendon, McMahan, Michel,
Norwood, Parker, Parks, Polk, Robinson,
Seymour, Simmons (12th), Simmons (13th),
Sparks, Suber, Tate, Thomas, Thompson,
Whaley, Wiggins, Williams, Younger

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SENATOR ANGELA TURNER FORD UPON HER
2 RECEIPT OF THE COALITION ON ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (COABE) 2024
3 LEGISLATIVE CHAMPION AWARD AND COMMEND HER DISTINGUISHED
4 LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR ADULT EDUCATION IN MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, we join the Coalition on Adult Basic Education
6 (COABE) in recognizing a distinguished member of the Mississippi
7 Senate for her leadership in adult education in Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, on September 16, 2024, the Coalition on Adult Basic
9 Education (COABE) recognized Senator Angela Turner Ford's
10 exceptional support of adult education during National Adult
11 Education and Family Literacy (AEFL) Week. COABE, along with more
12 than 100 national, state, and local partners, celebrated National
13 AEFL Week from September 16 through September 20, 2024; and

14 WHEREAS, "I applaud Senator Angela Turner Ford, recipient of
15 the Legislative Champion Award, for her outstanding contributions
16 and support of adult education! The prestigious Legislative
17 Champion Award is granted for distinguished leadership and support
18 for adult education," stated Sharon Bonney, CEO of COABE; and



19 WHEREAS, Senator Angela Turner Ford is a passionate advocate
20 for adult education programs locally and statewide. Her efforts
21 to engage with her Senate and House colleagues are paving the way
22 for continued initiatives in adult education across the state. A
23 shining example of her commitment is her recent role as the
24 Keynote Speaker for East Mississippi Community College's High
25 School Equivalency Commencement Ceremony. Despite her busy
26 schedule, she volunteered to speak and interact with college
27 faculty, staff, and students. Her dedication and support for
28 adult education, in her community and her state, are truly
29 inspiring; and

30 WHEREAS, Amber Beck, COABE State Advocate for Adult Education
31 Fellow, states, "Senator Ford's support for our adult education
32 program was evident at our first-ever Adult Education Day at the
33 Capitol in March 2024. She was in constant communication with us,
34 offering her assistance and guidance. As we continue to advocate
35 for adult education, we can count on Senator Ford to be available
36 and supportive of adult education programs across the state. Her
37 actions speak volumes about her dedication and the impact she has
38 on our cause"; and

39 WHEREAS, COABE's mission is to inspire educators so adults
40 succeed and communities thrive. The Coalition on Adult Basic
41 Education exists to provide leadership, communication,
42 professional development, and advocacy for adult education and
43 literacy practitioners to advance quality services for all adult



44 learners. COABE represents the field with over 79,000 adult
45 educators and provides a variety of services, including
46 professional development through annual, state-of-the-art national
47 conferences, more than 50 webinars annually, advocacy and
48 communication, and a peer-reviewed journal; and

49 WHEREAS, Senator Turner Ford has brought honor to the State
50 of Mississippi through her advocacy of adult education:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
52 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize Senator Angela Turner
53 Ford upon her receipt of the Coalition on Adult Basic Education
54 (COABE) 2024 Legislative Champion Award and commend her
55 distinguished leadership and support for adult education in
56 Mississippi.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 Senator Angela Turner Ford, forwarded to the Chief Executive
59 Officer of the Coalition on Adult Basic Education, and made
60 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

