

By: White (29th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 574

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING TERRY
2 HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATOR MINADENE WALDROP FOR RECEIVING NATIONAL BOARD
3 CERTIFICATION AND FOR BEING NAMED TERRY HIGH SCHOOL'S "TEACHER OF
4 THE YEAR" AND "HINDS COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR."

5 WHEREAS, Mississippi may rank last in many categories
6 nationwide, but in the area of national board certification of
7 teachers, it ranks among the top in the nation, according to
8 statistics published from the National Board for Professional
9 Teaching Standards (NBPTS); Mississippi is the 4th top state in
10 producing nationally certified educators and now Mrs. Minadene
11 Waldrop, Chemistry teacher at Terry High School, has joined the
12 ranks of 354 other Mississippi teachers and achieved this
13 prestigious accomplishment; and

14 WHEREAS, because of her outstanding achievements and
15 contributions at Terry High School, Mrs. Waldrop was recently
16 named Terry High School's "Teacher of the Year" and subsequently
17 "Hinds County Public Schools' Educator of the Year"; and

18 WHEREAS, the requirement for teachers wishing to become
19 nationally board certified is that they have taught for at least
20 three years; the program, which was endorsed by former Governor
21 Kirk Fordice and the Mississippi Legislature, is the measuring
22 tool by which Mississippi teachers who complete the process
23 successfully immediately receive a \$6,000.00 state-funded raise in
24 salary; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Waldrop received her B.S. Degree in Home
26 Economics from MSCW (now MUW), then a Master's in Home Economics
27 and a Master's in Chemistry from Mississippi College; she has been

28 teaching for 25 years, starting her career at Tri-County Academy
29 in Flora; from there she moved to Brinkley Middle School in
30 Jackson and taught Home Economics and Science for six years; she
31 worked as a Resource Teacher for Jackson Public Schools (JPS),
32 conducting inservice presentations and working with individual
33 families of students with discipline problems; at Peebles Middle
34 School, she returned to teaching Home Economics and Science for
35 three years; she then taught Chemistry at Wingfield High School
36 for three years and Forest Hill High School for seven years before
37 coming to Byram Attendance Center in 1995; Mrs. Waldrop now
38 teaches Chemistry, Environmental Science and Astronomy at Terry
39 High School; and

40 WHEREAS, the NBPTS requirements involve a very tedious year
41 of planning, writing and implementing creative and effective ideas
42 for the classroom and community; six portfolios must be completed,
43 two of them involving video taping; student work and parent
44 response must also be included to verify that all the work has
45 been completed by the teacher and to measure the quality of that
46 work; and

47 WHEREAS, once the portfolios are completed and all the
48 paperwork is submitted, candidates must then take an eight-hour
49 test in their specific area in June; after the test is completed
50 there is a period of waiting until results are released in
51 November; and

52 WHEREAS, Mississippi has 10% of the national total of
53 certified teachers in the nation; Hinds County Public Schools now
54 employs two nationally certified teachers; and

55 WHEREAS, Minadene is married to Paul Waldrop and they have
56 two children; son, P.J., is a junior at Terry High School and
57 daughter, Mindy, is a seventh grader at Bryam Attendance Center;
58 they attend Wynndale Baptist Church; and

59 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
60 outstanding Mississippi educator whose accomplishments have
61 brought honor to her school, her community, the children she
62 serves and to the State of Mississippi:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
64 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That

65 we do hereby commend and congratulate Terry High School Educator
66 Minadene Waldrop for receiving National Board Certification and
67 for being named Terry High School's "Teacher of the Year" and
68 "Hinds County Public Schools' Educator of the Year" and wish her
69 continued success in her educational and career endeavors.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
71 presented to Minadene Waldrop and her students, the Principal of
72 Terry High School, and be made available to the Capitol Press
73 Corps.