

By: Senator(s) White (29th), Browning,  
Little, Minor

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 595

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR.  
2 BETTYE ROGERS COWARD OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, UPON HER SELECTION  
3 AS THE SEVENTH PRESIDENT OF BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Bettye Rogers Coward of Clinton, academic Vice  
5 President at Mississippi College in Clinton, was unanimously  
6 selected February 23 by the Blue Mountain College Board of  
7 Trustees to serve as the seventh President of the 128-year-old,  
8 Baptist-affiliated school located in Blue Mountain; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Coward has also served as Professor, Chair and  
10 Acting Chair of the Mississippi College Department of Family and  
11 Consumer Sciences and Health Education; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Coward, who was born in Hattiesburg and grew up  
13 in Collins, is a graduate of Jones County Junior College in Laurel  
14 (AA 1963), Mississippi University for Women in Columbus (BS 1965),  
15 and the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg (MS  
16 1966, Ed.D 1976). She received her doctorate in higher education  
17 administration. Dr. Coward was selected by Mississippi College  
18 faculty and students as the school's Distinguished Professor in  
19 1990, and was recognized by the 1991 Mississippi Legislature as  
20 the outstanding faculty member at Mississippi College; and

21 WHEREAS, Blue Mountain College is a four-year liberal arts  
22 undergraduate college for women supported by the Mississippi  
23 Baptist Convention, offering a Christian education for women with  
24 a coordinate academic program for men preparing for church-related  
25 vocations; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Coward replaces E. Harold Fisher, who is  
27 retiring after 35 years at the helm of the approximately

28 400-student school located in Tippah County in North Mississippi.  
29 Blue Mountain College is an outstanding college, and Dr. Coward  
30 will build on the solid foundation and will lead the college to  
31 new and greater heights; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Coward and her husband Tom are members of  
33 Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, and the parents of one adult  
34 daughter; and

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
36 appointment of this respected educator to a prestigious office  
37 from which she can continue to offer the highest level of  
38 education opportunities to the youth of Mississippi:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
40 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
41 we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Bettye Rogers Coward of  
42 Clinton, Mississippi, upon her selection as the seventh President  
43 of the 128-year-old, Baptist-affiliated Blue Mountain College, and  
44 wish her continued success in her professional and Christian  
45 endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
47 presented to Dr. Coward and her family, and be made available to  
48 the Capitol Press Corps.