

By: Senator(s) Hamilton, Turner

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 554

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR.  
2 LARRY BOX, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STARKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UPON  
3 THE OCCASION OF HIS SELECTION AS "SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR" FOR  
4 2002 BY THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Box, Superintendent of the Starkville  
6 School District, has been selected "Superintendent of the Year"  
7 for 2002 by the Mississippi Association of School Administrators  
8 (MASA); and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Box will represent Mississippi in the National  
10 Superintendent of the Year competition at the Annual Conference on  
11 Education sponsored by the American Association of School  
12 Administrators in San Diego, California, February 15-17, 2002, and  
13 the national winner will receive a \$10,000.00 scholarship for  
14 his/her school; and

15 WHEREAS, this recognition is a result of Dr. Box's tireless  
16 efforts to improve schools and there is no doubt that his vision,  
17 personal characteristics, and skills have paved the way for a  
18 decade of significant accomplishments in the Starkville Schools;  
19 his success as a superintendent in this community is a significant  
20 story of a small town in the U.S. that provides a high quality,  
21 comprehensive education; and

22 WHEREAS, his vision, his leadership and character set the  
23 tone and pace for exceptional and significant academic results and  
24 accomplishments of the school district. He engages "stakeholders"  
25 in the district's planning process and thus creates an atmosphere  
26 and an environment for focused learning. This has resulted in a  
27 high quality, diverse curriculum which provides for continued  
28 growth in student performance on state tests. He encourages those



29 around him to embrace change, accept challenges, take risks and  
30 solve problems in creative ways. High levels of parent and  
31 community involvement, successful votes on bond issues and  
32 consistent recognition of staff, programs and schools at state and  
33 national levels attest to his successful efforts; and

34 WHEREAS, Box stated that early in life he knew he wanted to  
35 be an educator. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees  
36 at Mississippi State University. His career includes tenures as a  
37 math teacher, principal and central office administrator. He  
38 entered school administration with the goal of providing high  
39 quality education opportunities for all children. His leadership  
40 style is a mix of structure and consideration. Organizational  
41 skills, vision and dealing with all individuals in a way that  
42 tells them they are valued and important has contributed to his  
43 successes. He enjoys being a part of the solution to problems;  
44 and

45 WHEREAS, under Box's administration, the district's  
46 accomplishments include: making National Board of Professional  
47 Teaching Certification a priority, 34 teachers now hold national  
48 certification; development of a partnership with the U.S. Fish and  
49 Wildlife Service, and funding and construction of the Noxubee  
50 Conservation Education Center at the Noxubee Wildlife Refuge;  
51 institution of a comprehensive approach to teaching reading that  
52 has produced consistent growth and resulted in selection for  
53 inclusion in a national Educational Television feature; produced  
54 three Presidential Award for Math and Science Winners; created  
55 Emerson Family School to serve adult education and preschool  
56 programs; developed a Professional Development Center to provide  
57 teacher-training programs and community education programs;  
58 established a program to honor distinguished alumni; partnered  
59 with the Starkville Foundation for Public Education to expand  
60 scholarship offerings to graduating seniors; built a  
61 nationally-recognized fine arts program; implemented a middle



62 school team teaching concept at Armstrong Middle School, resulting  
63 in the school's inclusion in development of a national model for  
64 middle schools; initiated and completed a district-wide building  
65 program using combined funding sources; and much more; and

66 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
67 achievement of this excellent public school administrator who has  
68 brought honor to his school, his community and to the State of  
69 Mississippi:

70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
71 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
72 we do here commend and congratulate Dr. Larry Box, Superintendent  
73 of the Starkville School District, upon the occasion of his  
74 selection as "Superintendent of the Year" for 2002 by the  
75 Mississippi Association of School Administrators (MASA), and wish  
76 him many successes in the future.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
78 Dr. Box and his family, and be made available to the Capitol Press  
79 Corps.

