

By: Representatives Moore,  
Weathersby, Rogers (61st), Baker  
(74th), Smith (59th), Rotenberry,  
Coleman (65th), Fredericks,  
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Patterson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING PINEY WOODS SCHOOL FOR ITS  
2 DISTINCTION UPON REPRESENTING THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE  
3 UNITED STATES DURING THE NATIONAL RACIAL RECONCILIATION DAY  
4 CELEBRATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

5 WHEREAS, the Piney Woods School, founded in 1909 by Dr.  
6 Laurence C. Jones, is the largest of four remaining historically  
7 African-American boarding schools in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, with a rich legacy and a notable history, Piney  
9 Woods has produced a distinct group of academicians and alumni,  
10 who have made their place in society in the United States and  
11 abroad; and

12 WHEREAS, having served as a model for excellence in  
13 educational achievement and advancement, Piney Woods has  
14 epitomized the devotion of institutional education; and

15 WHEREAS, for its diligence and commitment to promote a more  
16 humanitarian and civilly equal society, Piney Woods has endeavored  
17 to become an honorary ambassador for peace throughout the world,  
18 with a major focus for equality in Africa; and

19 WHEREAS, because of this unwavering commitment, the Piney  
20 Woods Cotton Blossom Singers have been extended the invitation to  
21 participate in the festivities celebrating National Racial  
22 Reconciliation in South Africa; and

23 WHEREAS, nationally acclaimed, the Cotton Blossom Singers  
24 have appeared on numerous national television programs and earned  
25 countless awards and superior ratings; and

26 WHEREAS, having been inducted into the Mississippi Hall of  
27 Fame and receiving the State of Mississippi's highest award, the  
28 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, the Cotton Blossom

29 Singers traveled to West Africa in 1995 to attend the Third  
30 African-American Summit in Dakar, Senegal, where they performed  
31 before several heads of state, including 14 African presidents, 30  
32 ambassadors and more than 2,000 African and American business  
33 leaders; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
35 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the  
36 State's leading educational institutions and the youth, who are  
37 its future:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
40 commend Piney Woods School and the Cotton Blossom Singers upon  
41 representing the State of Mississippi and the United States during  
42 the National Racial Reconciliation Day Celebration in South  
43 Africa, and extend our wishes for continued success in all its  
44 future endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
46 furnished to the President of Piney Woods School and to members of  
47 the Capitol Press Corps.