

By: Senator(s) King, Dearing, Lee (47th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 555

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING PETAL
2 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, DR. JAMES HUTTO, UPON BEING SELECTED AS THE
3 2005 MISSISSIPPI SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, Petal School Superintendent, Dr. James R. Hutto, has
5 been selected as the 2005 Mississippi Superintendent of the Year
6 by the Mississippi Association of School Administrators; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Hutto attributes this award to the world-class
8 teachers, supportive school board and the Petal community that
9 supports and values public education; and

10 WHEREAS, nominated by his peers, Dr. Hutto will be recognized
11 with the Civic Star Award and will represent the state on the
12 national level for the American Association of School
13 Administrators Superintendent of the Year Program; and

14 WHEREAS, James Hutto has been Superintendent of the Petal
15 School District since 1998. During his tenure, the Petal School
16 District has added approximately forty new classrooms, a
17 1,000-seat auditorium, a new middle school music/dance building,
18 new athletic facilities and new programs, including a Family
19 Support Center, a Computer Engineering and Networking Course and a
20 Senior Exist Project required for each graduating senior. In
21 September of 2003, Petal School District was recognized as one of
22 only two school districts in the state with all Level 5 schools.
23 That same year, Petal's graduating seniors scored on the national
24 average on the ACT for all test takers and above the national
25 average for core completers; and

26 WHEREAS, prior to coming to Petal, he was Superintendent of
27 the Poplarville School District for four years. He has been a

28 professional educator in the State of Mississippi for 34 years
29 serving as a teacher, elementary principal, high school principal
30 and superintendent. He is a native of Brookhaven, Mississippi,
31 where he graduated from high school. He later received his A.A.
32 from Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, followed by his B.S., M.Ed.
33 and Ed.D. from the University of Southern Mississippi. He has
34 been an active member of the USM Alumni Association for 34 years.
35 During that time he has served as President of a local alumni
36 chapter on two occasions and on the Board of Directors of the USM
37 Alumni Association; and

38 WHEREAS, he is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Mississippi
39 Association of School Administrators (Past President), Association
40 for Supervisors and Curriculum Development and American
41 Association of School Administrators. He has been published in
42 several national journals of education, including *Kappan Journal*,
43 *NASSP Bulletin* and *Educational Leadership*; and

44 WHEREAS, his wife, Allen, and he are active members of Petal
45 Harvey Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon and teaches a
46 College and Career Sunday School Class; and

47 WHEREAS, Mississippi will be well represented by this
48 Superintendent who has a great vision for young students and a
49 program in place which can be modeled on the national level, and
50 it is with great pride that we recognize this educational leader
51 who has brought credit to his school district, his community, his
52 family and to the State of Mississippi:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
54 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
55 we do hereby commend and congratulate Petal Municipal Separate
56 School District Superintendent, Dr. James R. Hutto, upon his
57 selection as 2005 Mississippi School Superintendent of the Year by
58 the Mississippi Association of School Administrators, and extend
59 to him and his family the best wishes of the Legislature for

60 continued professional success as he represents Mississippi on a
61 national level.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
63 Dr. Hutto, be forwarded to the Petal School Board and be made
64 available to the Capitol Press Corps.