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Kirby, Lee (35th), Little,  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 504

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. HENRY L. JOHNSON,  
2 STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN  
3 LEADING MISSISSIPPI'S SCHOOLS AND UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO THE  
4 CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry L. Johnson has devoted over 30 years to  
6 public education, as a teacher, principal, middle school director,  
7 assistant superintendent, policy development advisor, assistant  
8 state superintendent, associate state superintendent, and, for the  
9 last three years, as State Superintendent of Education for  
10 Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry L. Johnson has served as the Chief  
12 Executive Officer of the Mississippi Department of Education, has  
13 provided overall leadership for all the school districts across  
14 the state, has advised the Mississippi Board of Education, the  
15 Governor and the Legislature on the needs for elementary and  
16 secondary education institutions; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry L. Johnson has identified solutions to  
18 departmental needs and problems, has implemented these solutions  
19 and plans, has coordinated future development of the education  
20 system of Mississippi, and has worked extensively with various  
21 stakeholder groups that have a major responsibility for, or  
22 involvement in, the educational process; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry L. Johnson has served as Executive  
24 Secretary of the Mississippi Board of Education, assisting the  
25 board in establishing priorities that are in the best interest of  
26 Mississippi education and keeping the board informed of pertinent  
27 educational news, events and issues, advising the board of the  
28 salient negative and positive aspects of each issue during its

29 deliberations on educational policy decisions, and acting as the  
30 catalyst necessary to enable the board to recognize and make  
31 decisions on key policy matters; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry L. Johnson has furthered the advancement  
33 of education by serving on numerous state, regional and national  
34 boards, including the Southern Region Education Board of  
35 Directors, the Southeast Region Vision for Education, Education  
36 Commission of the States, the National Assessment Governing Board,  
37 to which he was appointed by former U.S. Secretary of Education  
38 Rod Paige; and the United States National Commission for the  
39 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,  
40 to which he was appointed by former Secretary of State Colin  
41 Powell; and

42 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry L. Johnson has been nominated by President  
43 George W. Bush and U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings  
44 as Assisting U.S. Secretary of Education for Elementary and  
45 Secondary Education; and

46 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
47 contributions that Dr. Henry L. Johnson has made to education in  
48 Mississippi and the even greater influence he will have on the  
49 educational experience of all schoolchildren across the nation:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
52 we do hereby commend Dr. Henry L. Johnson, State Superintendent of  
53 Education for Mississippi, for his service, dedication and  
54 commitment to public education in Mississippi, and extend to him  
55 congratulations and best wishes upon his nomination to the United  
56 States Department of Education.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
58 Dr. Johnson, forwarded to the Mississippi State Board of Education  
59 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.