

By: Representatives Davis, Lott, To: Rules  
Fillingane, Watson

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING PENNY BARNES OF  
2 ROWAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, UPON BEING  
3 SELECTED AS A NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND 2005 AMERICAN STAR OF TEACHING.

4 WHEREAS, Penny Barnes, a fourth-grade teacher at Rowan  
5 Elementary School in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was recently tapped  
6 as a No Child Left Behind 2005 American Star of Teaching in a  
7 surprise announcement on September 28, 2005, by current United  
8 States Assistant Secretary of Education and former State  
9 Superintendent of the Mississippi Department of Education, Henry  
10 Johnson; and

11 WHEREAS, begun in 2004, the American Stars of Teaching  
12 recognition effort is part of the United States Department of  
13 Education's Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative, and Mrs. Barnes now  
14 joins a distinguished group of honorees selected from a pool of  
15 2,000 nominations nationwide; and

16 WHEREAS, an educator with high expectations for all students  
17 and who believes all children can achieve, Mrs. Barnes represents  
18 those professionals who see teaching as a calling, not a job; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barnes pushes her students daily to go beyond  
20 what they believe possible of themselves, voluntarily tutors after  
21 school, makes frequent after hours home visits and attends the  
22 extracurricular activities of her students to support and  
23 encourage them in their endeavors; and

24 WHEREAS, holding a bachelor's degree in biology-pre med, Mrs.  
25 Barnes took and passed the state's licensing exam in elementary  
26 education and with additional coursework was certified in  
27 elementary 4-8, subsequently earned a master's degree in

28 elementary education with additional coursework in science, earned  
29 her 7-12 science endorsements and is currently in her final  
30 semester to earn a specialist in counseling with accompanying  
31 endorsements in that area; and

32 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
33 recognize and commend excellence in our state's esteemed educators  
34 like Mrs. Barnes, whose collaboration with her fellow colleagues  
35 helps to foster a continuum of instruction to improve student  
36 achievement:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
39 commend and congratulate Mrs. Penny Barnes of Rowan Elementary  
40 School upon being selected as a No Child Left Behind 2005 American  
41 Star of Teaching and extend our warmest wishes for continued  
42 success in all her future endeavors.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
44 furnished to Mrs. Barnes, Rowan Elementary School, the Hattiesburg  
45 Public School District and to the members of the Capitol Press  
46 Corps.