

By: Senator(s) Harden, Butler, Chaney,  
Gordon, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd),  
Jordan, Little, Simmons, Thomas, Walls,  
White, Wilemon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 585

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER, LEADERSHIP AND  
2 SERVICE TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN MISSISSIPPI OF DR. IVORY PAUL  
3 PHILLIPS, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
4 AT JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Ivory Paul Phillips, longtime educator,  
6 Professor of Social Studies, President of the Faculty Senate and  
7 Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at Jackson  
8 State University, has announced his retirement; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1968, he joined the faculty at Jackson State  
10 University in the Social Studies Department. During this time, he  
11 began a long and distinguished career representing the students,  
12 faculty and administrative concerns of Jackson State University.  
13 Through hard work, dedication and honesty, he earned the respect  
14 of university administrators and government leaders at the local  
15 and state level. Under his leadership, numerous programs of  
16 extreme value to Jackson State University have been implemented.  
17 He has been a well-recognized champion for Jackson State  
18 University and has often been called upon to provide testimony,  
19 and make presentations and recommendations on behalf of the  
20 university. He is a trusted friend of higher education and  
21 government in the State of Mississippi; and

22 WHEREAS, Phillips was born in Rosedale, Mississippi, on  
23 August 14, 1942. He attended Rosedale Negro Elementary and Junior  
24 High School and graduated from Rosedale High School as  
25 Valedictorian in 1960. He is married to JoAnn Phillips and the  
26 father of three children and four grandchildren; and

27 WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree, Magna Cum  
28 Laude, in Education from Jackson State University, an M.A.T.

29 Degree from California State University of Los Angeles, and a  
30 Ph.D. Degree in Social Studies from the University of Washington;  
31 and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips served as a Teacher and Chairman of the  
33 Department of Social Studies at Immaculate Conception High School  
34 in Clarksdale, Mississippi, from 1964-1968. In 1968, Dr. Phillips  
35 began his tenure at Jackson State University where he has served  
36 as an Instructor of Social Studies, Professor of Social Science  
37 Education and Dean of the College of Social Science Education,  
38 Compliance Officer for the College of Education, Associate Dean of  
39 the College of Education and Human Development and Dean of the  
40 College of Education and Human Development, Faculty Senate  
41 Representative, and Faculty Senate President; and

42 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips has served as a writer for the *Jackson*  
43 *Advocate* for 28 years; and

44 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips has been listed in the following  
45 honorary publications: Who's Who Among Students in Universities  
46 and Colleges; Outstanding Young Men in America in 1973 and 1975;  
47 Directory of American Scholars; Leaders in Black America; and  
48 Directory of International Scholars; and

49 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips has earned membership in the following  
50 honorary societies: Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Sigma  
51 Rho Sigma Social Science Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi Honor  
52 Society; and

53 WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips received the Star Teacher Award in  
54 1967-1968, Teacher of the Year in 1991, Malcolm X Human Rights  
55 Award in 1995, Drum Major for Justice Award in 1997, and was named  
56 Alumnus of the Year in 1998; and

57 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the career  
58 of this model Mississippi educator who has provided strong  
59 leadership and service to higher education in Mississippi and laid  
60 a strong foundation for the future of Jackson State University:

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF

62 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
63 we do hereby commend the career, leadership and service to higher  
64 education in Mississippi of Dr. Ivory Paul Phillips, Dean of the  
65 College of Education and Human Development at Jackson State  
66 University, upon the occasion of his retirement, and we extend to  
67 him and his family the best wishes of the Legislature in his  
68 future endeavors.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
70 Dr. Phillips, forwarded to the President of Jackson State  
71 University, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher  
72 Learning and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.