

By: Senator(s) Brumfield, Turner-Ford,  
Butler, Barnett, Norwood, Simmons (12th),  
Thomas, Simmons (13th), Jackson, Hickman,  
Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 84

1 A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE EDUCATIONAL LEGACY OF DR. LESLIE  
2 LEE DANIELS, THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRINCIPAL OF MCCOMB HIGH  
3 SCHOOL, AND THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN SUPERINTENDENT OF THE  
4 MCCOMB AND GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COMMEND HIS  
5 CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION.

6 WHEREAS, we join the citizens of McComb, Mississippi, in  
7 remembering the public school dedication and advocacy of Dr.  
8 Leslie Lee Daniels; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Leslie Lee Daniels began his teaching career in  
10 the McComb School District in 1965 and served as Teacher and Coach  
11 at Higgins High School. From there he moved up the educational  
12 administration ladder to Assistant Principal, Principal, Assistant  
13 Superintendent and Superintendent; and

14 WHEREAS, he was the first African-American Principal of  
15 McComb High School when he assumed the position in 1976 under the  
16 leadership of Superintendent Dr. Ted Alexander and served until  
17 1986. He was the principal there when McComb High School was one  
18 of 198 schools in the nation to be designated a "Model School" in  
19 1983; and



20 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels went on to become Assistant  
21 Superintendent of the McComb School District from 1986 to 1988 and  
22 later became the first African-American Superintendent of the  
23 district in 1989. Dr. Daniels served honorably as the  
24 superintendent until 1996; and

25 WHEREAS, he helped eradicate the district's debt to put the  
26 district on a sound financial basis. Dr. Daniels devoted 31 years  
27 of his life to students in the McComb School District. He also  
28 served on the Southwest Regional Medical Center Board of Directors  
29 during this time in McComb; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels became the first African-American  
31 Superintendent of the Greenwood School District, where he served  
32 from 1996 to 2008 and oversaw the construction of a new  
33 \$8,000,000.00 middle school without a bond issue; and

34 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels was inducted into the McComb School  
35 District's Hall of Fame in 2010, and each year former LSU Coach  
36 John Brady presented service awards to each school's "Teacher of  
37 the Year", the district's "Teacher of the Year", and the  
38 district's "Administrator of the Year" in memory of Dr. Leslie  
39 Daniels; and

40 WHEREAS, we pay tribute to the dedicated career of this  
41 professional educator and school administrator and most  
42 public-spirited citizen of Mississippi whose leadership and  
43 advocacy was a wonderful example for all:



44           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby remember the educational legacy of  
46 Dr. Leslie Lee Daniels, the first African-American Principal of  
47 McComb High School and Superintendent of McComb and Greenwood  
48 School Districts and commend his contributions to public  
49 education.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
51 the family of Dr. Leslie Daniels, forwarded to the Superintendent  
52 and Board of Trustees of the McComb School District and be made  
53 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

