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***SENATE***  
***CONCURRENT RESOLUTION***  
***No. 549***

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SOUTHEAST LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AS A "2010 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL."

WHEREAS, United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has recognized Southeast Lauderdale High School as a "2010 National Blue Ribbon School." At the recognition ceremony, Secretary Duncan was joined by Washington, D.C., Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, D.C. Public Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee and George Washington University Provost Steven Lerman for the announcement; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon schools, 254 public and 50 private, were honored at an awards ceremony on November 15-16, 2010, in Washington, D.C. In the past 28 years, more than 6,000 of America's schools have received this coveted award; and

WHEREAS, "Our nation has a responsibility to help all children realize their full potential," Secretary Duncan said. "Schools honored with the Blue Ribbon Schools Award are committed to achievement and to ensuring that students learn and succeed. Their work reflects the conviction that every child has promise and must receive a quality education"; and

WHEREAS, the award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools whose students achieve at very high levels or have made significant progress and helped close gaps in achievement, especially among disadvantaged and minority students. Each year since 1982, the United States Department of Education has sought out schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals, including those that beat the odds; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Programs honors public and private schools based on one of two criteria:

(1) Schools whose students, regardless of backgrounds, are high performing. These are schools ranked among the state's highest performing schools as measured by their performance on state assessments or in the case of private schools, that score at the highest performance level on tests referenced by national norms in at least the most recent year tested; or

(2) Schools with at least 40% of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that improve student performance to high levels as measured by the school's performance on state assessments or nationally normed tests; and

WHEREAS, although the quality of education in Mississippi is improving, we must remember that schools and districts across the country are also improving. In this competitive global economy, the administrators, teachers and students in Southeast Lauderdale have worked extremely hard to make the significant gains reflected by this state. This Blue Ribbon Award recognizes that they are moving in the right direction; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the education profession in recognizing the excellent academic progress made by this school which has brought honor to their community and to the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Southeast Lauderdale High School and Principal Dwane Taylor for being recognized by the United States Secretary of Education as a "2010 National Blue Ribbon School" and extend our best wishes to school administrators, teachers, students and parents on this auspicious occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Principal Dwane Taylor, Assistant Principal Jan Smith, forwarded

to members of the Lauderdale County Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Education and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE  
January 19, 2011

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
January 26, 2011

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES