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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ENTERPRISE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS A "STAR SCHOOL DISTRICT" BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2010, the Mississippi Department of Education released the new performance labels for schools and districts under the state's accountability model. The new accountability model measures student performance on more rigorous curriculum and assessments. Under the accountability model, schools and districts received performance classification labels from highest to lowest: Star, High Performing, Successful, Academic Watch, Low Performing, At-Risk of Failing and Failing; and

WHEREAS, Enterprise School District was one of three districts earning the Star label this year; and

WHEREAS, the Star label means that the Enterprise School District is performing above the national average; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi School Board Association recognized the Enterprise School District with the prestigious Beacon Award to reflect the Star designation. To be eligible, a district must achieve a Quality Distribution Index score of 200 or above, which indicates a high level of academic success, and meet the growth expectations determined by the Mississippi Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Arthur McMillan and the Enterprise School District have a great deal in which to be proud as they continue to be one of the educational leaders in Mississippi.

This success is not one by accident, but must be attributed to teachers, students and the community for their continued commitment and determination in supporting this special district. Through strong parental and community involvement, teacher and staff dedication, and student diligence, Enterprise School District not only prepares students to compete in the job market locally, but also prepared students to move toward an education that will allow them to compete globally; and

WHEREAS, "As a state we continue to make sustained progress," State Superintendent of Education Dr. Tom Burnham said. "Clearly, the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom in Mississippi is improving, and more importantly, student performance is improving." Classifications are based on achievement, academic growth or improvement and the graduation rates for schools with graduates. Achievement is measured by the Quality of Distribution Index (QDI), with the minimum QDI zero and the maximum at 300. The state's QDI is 154. Growth, on the other hand, is based on whether students demonstrate performance equal to or better than expected based on how they performed the previous school year; 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 Enterprise have worked extremely hard to make the significant gains reflected by this state," Mississippi Board of Education Chairman Charles McClelland said. "This year's accountability results recognize 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 district which has brought honor to their school, 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 the Enterprise School District for being recognized as a "Star School District" by the State Department of Education and a recipient of the Beacon Award by the Mississippi School Board Association, and extend our best wishes to school administrators, teachers, students and parents on this auspicious occasion.

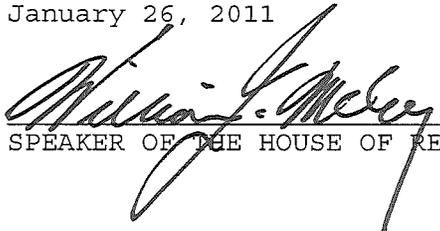
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Enterprise Superintendent Arthur McMillan, Assistant Superintendent Rita Windham, members of the Enterprise School Board, forwarded to the State Superintendent of Education and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
January 19, 2011



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
January 26, 2011



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES