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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PHENOMENAL APPROACH TO TEACHING AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT OF TRACEE THOMPSON OF JIM HILL HIGH SCHOOL IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND CONGRATULATING HER UPON RECEIVING A 2014 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD.

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, Tracee Thompson, an English and language arts teacher at Jim Hill High School, in Jackson, Mississippi, became a Milken Educator when she was named one of a select few in a class of prestigious recipients awarded the nationally-renowned Milken Educator Award for 2014 and a \$25,000 unrestricted cash prize teaching incentive; and

WHEREAS, revered by her fellow-educators as a teacher with the rare ability to engage individual students, Tracee Thompson, an 11-year teaching veteran, has perfected the skill of adapting her teaching methods to the particular learning abilities of individual students, thus making learning more applicable and exciting; and

WHEREAS, actively connecting with and holding each of her students accountable, Tracee Thompson, who tutors three days per

week and participates on several committees, does not lay claim to any extraordinary talent, but simply performing the tasks with which she has been assigned to the best of her ability to promote the individual and collective achievement of her students with long term benefits that accompany academic success; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Educator Awards are the preeminent teacher acknowledgement program in the nation and has honored more than 2,500 K-12 teachers, principals and specialists across the country; and

WHEREAS, founded by Mr. Lowell Milken to celebrate, promote and stimulate commendable K-12 educators, and to publicly demonstrate that excellence in education must be acknowledged and rewarded, the Milken Educator Awards program strives to communicate to parents and policymakers the established truth that the quality of the educator is the most important factor in determining student achievement; and

WHEREAS, although the Milken Educator Awards have no formal application or nomination process, each participating state's department of education appoints an independent committee to recommend contenders based upon strict standards, with final recipient selections made by the Milken Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Educator Awards are known throughout the education profession as the "Oscars of Teaching," catching each recipient by surprise, and on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 19, 2014, Tracee Thompson was inducted into the Milken Educator

Network, a network that is dedicated to improving and strengthening K-12 education in America; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend outstanding individuals, such as Tracee Thompson, whose outstanding rapport with her fellow colleagues and more importantly with her students, translates into an impassioned zeal for transforming, enriching and positively molding the lives of those under her tutelage and instruction, past, present and future:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the phenomenal approach to teaching and student engagement of Tracee Thompson and congratulate her upon being awarded a 2014 Milken Educator Award, and extend best wishes as she continues to inspire greatness in the lives of youth through her superior and heralded teaching skills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Ms. Tracee Thompson, the Jackson Public School District and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 26, 2014


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
March 4, 2014


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE