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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES





Congratulations!

Representative Justis Gibbs was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel, the highest civilian honor awarded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



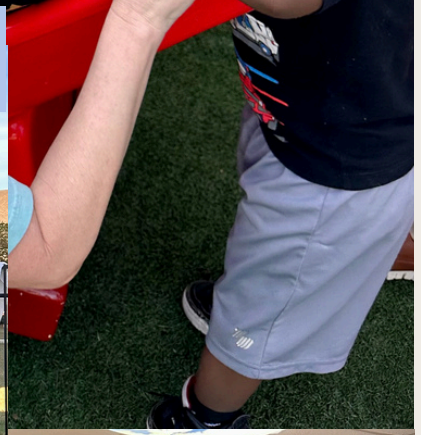
The Mississippi House Select Committee on Specialty Schools visited DuBard School to learn more about the school's work serving Mississippi children with significant communication and learning needs.



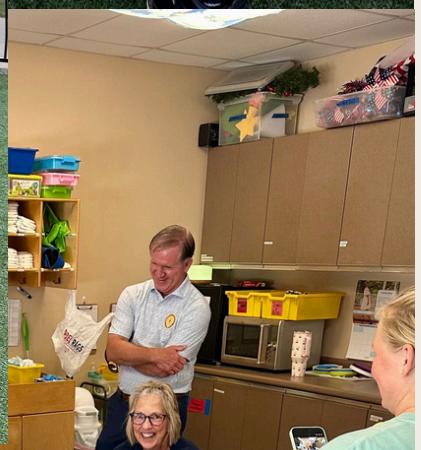


The Specialty Schools Select Committee also visited Harbor Day Preschool!













STAND THE WATCH

Members and staff joined in Stand The Watch, a ceremony honoring our military members who are no longer with us. We paused to remember and honor each life and the service they gave to our country.









12th Annual Book Festival: A Great Success

Ashley Kincses

The Capitol hosted the 12th annual Mississippi Book Festival on Saturday, September 26, 2026. Approximately 9,135 people attended the festival, enjoying all it had to offer, including over 50 panel discussions!

Our Capitol volunteers were quite busy conducting tours, directing attendees to panels, answering questions about the festival, giving out information about the building, and showing our virtual tour to over 300 attendees.

Visitors from all over enjoyed their time in our beautiful, National Historic Landmark. They were able to see the grandeur of the Capitol all while enjoying panel discussions, family friendly activities, and shopping in our Gift Shop.





REPS AT THE WHITE HOUSE STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE







2026 NLSSA Annual Training Conference
Denver, CO • September 13-18, 2026

Wendell Wright, Kenneth Mcgruder, and Jimmy Jordan attended the 2026 Annual Training Conference in Denver.







Congratulations to Reps Steve Massengill and Karl Oliver, along with Senator Chuck Younger, on receiving the Friends of Transportation Awards, presented by the Mississippi Department of Transportation!



Rep. Stephanie Foster spoke with public speaking students at Hinds Community College, sharing her experiences in public service and the importance of effective communication.



CONGRATULATIONS

to

Representative Grace Butler-Washington on becoming a member of the Milbank State Leadership Program!



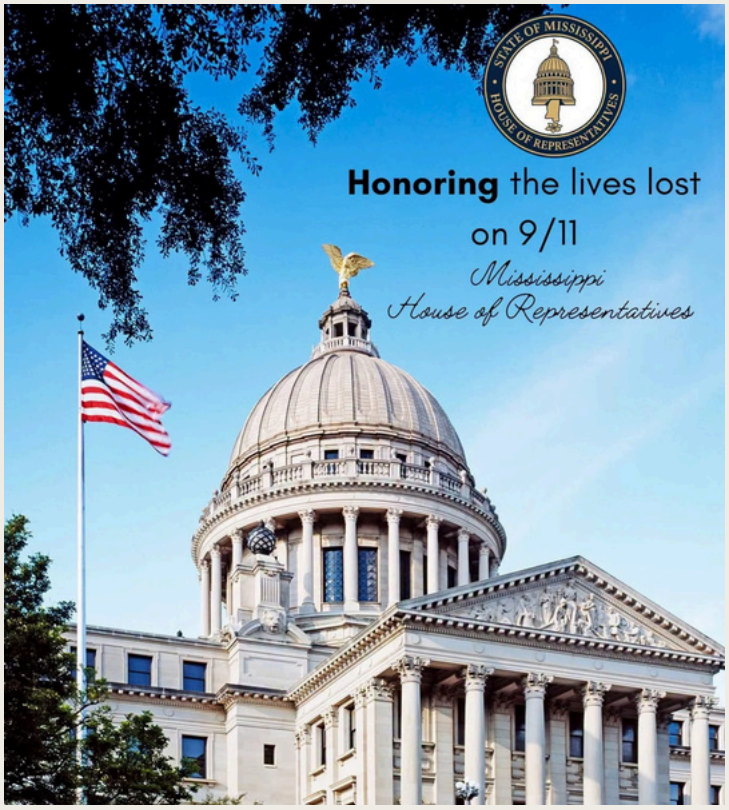
Representative Carl Mickens presented a proclamation to Mr. Major Jewel McDonald of Louisville, Mississippi, honoring him as the oldest man in the United States of America at 110 years old!



Rep. Jill Ford and the AI Regulation Task Force met at Camp Shelby for a day focused on AI and cybersecurity.



Reps Kevin Felsher and Greg Haney recognized Ship Island Excursions for 100 years of business.



SEPTEMBER 11TH 2026 MARKED 25 YEARS SINCE THE TRAGIC ATTACKS ON OUR NATION. WE REMEMBER THE LIVES LOST, HONOR THE HEROES WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE AND PAY TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHOSE LIVES WERE FOREVER CHANGED THAT DAY.

TOTAL VISITORS - SEPTEMBER

711 VISITORS

OUT OF STATE TOTALED TO 148

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS TOTALED TO 30

VISITORS VARIED FROM ALL OVER INCLUDING: CANADA, BELGIUM, SCOTLAND, GERMANY, SPAIN, THE UK, AUSTRALIA, THE NETHERLANDS, AND THE PHILLIPINES!





REP. JUSTIN KEEN



REP. BILL KINKADE

SEPTEMBER'S
Representative of the Week



REP. TIMMY LADNER



REP. TREY LAMAR



REP. STEVE LOTT

UPCOMING October BIRTHDAYS

Rep. Keith Jackson	October	1
cassie haygood	October	4
chole butler	October	11
kiffany ward	October	11
hunter dowdy	October	13
rep. bill pigott	October	13
rep. brent anderson	October	17
rep. kevin felsher	October	26
rep. brad mattox	October	28
rep. grace washington	October	29
Rep. Kevin horan	October	29
rep. bryant clark	October	31
rep. karl gibbs	October	31

THE HOUSE NEWSLETTER INVITES REPRESENTATIVES AND STAFF MEMBERS TO SHARE NEWS OF ANNIVERSARIES, BIRTHS, RETIREMENTS, CONDOLENCES, AND OTHER LIFE EVENTS WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES.

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