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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE NATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AND
2 THE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ONE STOP CAPITAL
3 SHOP AT MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY.

4 WHEREAS, the National Center of Excellence and the University
5 Center for Economic Development/One Stop Capital Shop is a
6 university partnership project that provides education and
7 training with regards to rural poverty issues; and

8 WHEREAS, the general goal of NCE and UCED/OSCS at Mississippi
9 Valley State University is to serve as a foundation for community
10 and economic development capacity building by providing continuous
11 information, technical assistance and training to residents of the
12 Mid-Delta Empowerment Zone and to USDA Rural Development field
13 staff. The objectives are to provide technical assistance to
14 communities located in the Mid-Delta Empowerment Zone and to USDA
15 Rural Development staff, conduct leadership training for leaders
16 and citizens in the Mid-Delta Empowerment Zone, help create
17 community-based groups/organizations around community and economic
18 development, help disseminate (spread) information on successful
19 development activities and opportunities for residents, community
20 leaders and others in the Delta; and

21 WHEREAS, Mississippi Valley State University through its EDA
22 University Center Program has been providing technical assistance
23 and business development assistance to small business nonprofits
24 and small towns in the Mississippi Delta more than 13 years; and

25 WHEREAS, the National Center of Excellence is an important
26 vehicle to continue that effort through the development of some

27 municipal training curriculums which enhance the continued ability
28 of municipal officials to better serve their communities through
29 resources; and

30 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
31 achievements of this partnership project at Mississippi Valley
32 State University which is in keeping with our state's efforts at
33 enhancing economic development through the public and private
34 sector:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the National Center of
37 Excellence and the University Center for Economic Development/One
38 Stop Capital Shop at Mississippi Valley State University,
39 particularly for its development of municipal officials training
40 curriculums, and encourage these dedicated individuals to continue
41 their efforts to enhance economic development in Mississippi
42 through public-private partnerships.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
44 presented to representatives of the NCE and UCED/OSCS at
45 Mississippi Valley State University at the Second Annual Small
46 Town Mayor's Conference and be made available to the Board of
47 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Capital
48 Press Corps.