

By: Representative Fleming

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE GLOBAL SULLIVAN
2 PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ENCOURAGING
3 COMPANIES, LARGE AND SMALL, DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL, TO ADOPT
4 THESE PRINCIPLES.

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Leon H. Sullivan, Founder and Chairman of
6 the Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, initiated
7 the Sullivan Principles in 1977; and

8 WHEREAS, the Sullivan Principles have been recognized as one
9 of the most effective efforts to end discrimination in the
10 workforce of South Africa; and

11 WHEREAS, on November 2, 1999, at the United Nations, Reverend
12 Sullivan, under the auspices of Secretary General Kofi Annan,
13 introduced the Global Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social
14 Responsibility; and

15 WHEREAS, the Global Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social
16 Responsibility encourages companies, large and small, domestic and
17 international, to respect the law and apply the principles with
18 integrity and consistent with the legitimate role of business; and

19 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi commends
20 Reverend Sullivan for his contribution to protecting and
21 strengthening human rights and dignity in the United States and
22 around the world, and unanimously approves in concept the Global
23 Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social Responsibility as follows:

24 Express our support for universal human rights and,
25 particularly, those of our employees, the communities within which
26 we operate, and parties with whom we do business;

27 Promote equal opportunity for our employees at all levels of
28 the company with respect to issues such as color, age, race,



29 gender, ethnicity or religious beliefs, and operate without
30 unacceptable worker treatment such as the exploitation of
31 children, physical punishment, female abuse, involuntary servitude
32 or other forms of abuse;

33 Respect our employees' voluntary freedom of association;

34 Compensate our employees to enable them to meet at least
35 their basic needs and provide them the opportunity to improve
36 their skill and capability in order to raise their social economic
37 opportunities;

38 Provide a safe and healthy workplace; protect human rights,
39 health and the environment; and promote sustainable development;

40 Promote fair competition including respect for intellectual
41 and other property rights, and not offer, pay or accept bribes;

42 Work with governments and communities in which we do business
43 to improve the quality of life in training and opportunities for
44 workers from disadvantaged backgrounds;

45 Promote the application of these principles by those with
46 whom we do business; and

47 WHEREAS, the application of these principles will help lead
48 to greater tolerance and understanding and advance the culture of
49 peace:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
51 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
52 THEREIN, That we do hereby endorse the Global Sullivan Principles
53 of Corporate Social Responsibility.

