SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

A RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) TO RETAIN THE LICENSE OF MISSISSIPPI EDNET INSTITUTE TO PROVIDE 24-HOUR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMING.

WHEREAS, the Mississippi EDNET Institute has worked diligently for the cause of distance learning in the State of Mississippi, providing a valuable resource to the citizens of Mississippi, and is currently threatened with the loss of the very Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licenses that allow it to operate; its service to the State of Mississippi should be commended and the licenses should be defended against all efforts to remove them from the Mississippi education community; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi EDNET Institute has implemented a public/private partnership to leverage private funds for the public good of all Mississippians; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi EDNET Institute exists to support the instructional programs of its member agencies and assist state agencies with their missions whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi EDNET Institute provides educational television programming for Mississippi's K-12 and adult education community twenty-four hours each day; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Mississippi EDNET Institute is to promote, encourage and assist all levels of education, research and economic development within the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, we wish to express our support for the mission and goals of the Mississippi EDNET Institute:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby urge the Federal Communications
ST: Mississippi EDNET Institute operating license; urge FCC to retain.