

By: Senator(s) Burton, Chaney, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
27 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby urge the Federal Communications

28 Commission (FCC) to retain the operating license of the
29 Mississippi EDNET Institute due to the service and invaluable
30 resource it provides to the citizens of the State of Mississippi.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
32 forwarded to the Executive Director of the Federal Communications
33 Commission and to the members of Mississippi's Congressional
34 delegation and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.