HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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

WHEREAS, the late Reverend Leon H. Sullivan, Founder and
former Chairman of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers of
America, initiated the Sullivan Principles in 1977; and
WHEREAS, the Sullivan Principles have been recognized as one
of the most effective efforts to end discrimination in the
workforce of South Africa; and
WHEREAS, on November 2, 1999, at the United Nations, Reverend
Sullivan, under the auspices of Secretary General Kofi Annan,
introduced the Global Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social
Responsibility; and
WHEREAS, the Global Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social
Responsibility encourages companies, large and small, domestic and
international, to respect the law and apply the principles with
integrity and consistent with the legitimate role of business; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi commends
Reverend Sullivan posthumously for his contribution to protecting
and strengthening human rights and dignity in the United States
and around the world, and unanimously approves in concept the
Global Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social Responsibility as
follows:

Express our support for universal human rights and,
particularly, those of our employees, the communities within which
we operate, and parties with whom we do business;
ST: Endorse the Global Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social Responsibility.