

By: Senator(s) Furniss

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE QUITMAN COUNTY
2 DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AND DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2, 2002, AS QCDO
3 DAY IN QUITMAN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, the Quitman County Development Organization was
5 organized and chartered as a not for profit institution in the
6 State of Mississippi on February 16, 1977, for the purpose of
7 furthering economic development in Quitman County, Mississippi,
8 and adjacent areas by promoting the social welfare of the
9 distressed and underprivileged, lessening the burdens of
10 government and combating community deterioration by: providing
11 assistance for individuals, groups and organizations in planning
12 and executing successful economic development projects; combating
13 community deterioration by providing professional counseling of
14 all types; acting as intermediary between various economic
15 development programs; and assisting in the acquisition of
16 charitable contributions, industrial development projects, new
17 industry in the county and adjacent areas, and assistance capital
18 including seed money, which may be necessary for successful
19 economic development projects; and

20 WHEREAS, over its 25-year history, QCDO has touched the lives
21 of countless people within its service area to other parts of the
22 world; and

23 WHEREAS, QCDO has effected changes in the development and
24 management of assets of low income and the underprivileged in its
25 service area by recreating other economic development concerns
26 such as the Quitman Tri-County Federal Credit Union, the QCDO/YOU
27 Child Development Center, Youth Opportunities Unlimited,



28 Mississippi Center for Non-Profits, Big River Housing Development
29 Corporation, and others. QCDO has provided technical assistance
30 in the area of community-based development to faith-based
31 institutions statewide, local concerns and other community
32 nonprofit institutions; and

33 WHEREAS, QCDO, through its work, has caused over \$20 Million
34 to be invested in the North Mississippi Delta and the State; and

35 WHEREAS, this organization has fostered development in the
36 following areas: housing, asset development among low income
37 people, job creation and development, youth entrepreneurship,
38 youth leadership development and youth education programs to
39 further their growth and development, daycare services,
40 micro-enterprise development, advocacy and organizing around
41 issues of community development, senior employment, volunteer
42 programs and social services; and

43 WHEREAS, QCDO has been led by upstanding and dedicated
44 individuals such as Rev. Carl Brown, Margaret Hopson-Brown, Manuel
45 Killebrew and Robert L. Jackson; and it is with great pride that
46 we recognize the work of this organization which is a civic model
47 for the State of Mississippi:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the outstanding civic work
50 of the Quitman County Development Organization and designate
51 November 2, 2002, as QCDO Day in Quitman County and in the State
52 of Mississippi.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 the Quitman County Development Organization and the Quitman County
55 Board of Supervisors, and be made available to the Capitol Press
56 Corps.

