

By: Senator(s) Chaney, Michel

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE KNIGHTS OF  
2 COLUMBUS COUNCIL 898 IN VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION  
3 OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARITABLE SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, on May 15, 2004, the Knights of Columbus Council 898  
5 of Vicksburg, Mississippi, celebrated 100 years of service to its  
6 family, its church and to the citizens of the City of Vicksburg;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is a men's Catholic  
9 fraternal organization that focuses its efforts for charitable  
10 causes; and

11 WHEREAS, on October 2, 1881, a small group of men formed a  
12 fraternal society that would one day become the world's largest  
13 Catholic family fraternal service organization. They sought  
14 strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and  
15 devotion to a holy cause; they vowed to be defenders of their  
16 country, their families and their faith. These men were bound  
17 together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of  
18 the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New  
19 World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of  
20 the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882; and

21 WHEREAS, the Order has been called "the strong right arm of  
22 the Church," and has been praised by popes, presidents and other  
23 world leaders, for support of the Church, programs of  
24 evangelization and Catholic education, civic involvement and aid  
25 to those in need; and

26 WHEREAS, as the National Order of the Knights of Columbus has  
27 grown, its benevolence has increased. The Order continues to

28 break all of its previous records for charitable contributions and  
29 volunteer service. In the past decade, the Knights have raised  
30 and donated nearly \$1 Billion to numerous charitable causes and  
31 volunteered nearly 400 million hours of service. Last year alone,  
32 the Knights donated more than \$125 Million and more than 60  
33 million volunteer hours to charitable causes; and

34 WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus have grown from several  
35 members in one council to more than 12,000 councils and 1.6  
36 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the  
37 Philippines, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama,  
38 the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
40 landmark event in the history of a society whose members have  
41 contributed time and energy to civic and charitable service in  
42 their community and to the State of Mississippi:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
44 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
45 Knights of Columbus Council 898 in Vicksburg, Mississippi, upon  
46 the occasion of their 100th anniversary of charitable service to  
47 the community, and we extend to the council the best wishes of the  
48 Mississippi Senate as they rededicate their efforts.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
50 the Knights of Columbus Council 898 and be made available to the  
51 Capitol Press Corps.