

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CLIFFORD J. HAMPTON, SPECIAL PROJECTS
2 COORDINATOR, MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY
3 EXPERIMENT STATION, FOR HIS EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
4 LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS.

5 WHEREAS, Clifford J. Hampton, Special Projects Coordinator
6 and Special Affairs Advisor, Mississippi State University
7 Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station (MAFES) and the
8 Mississippi State University Extension Service (MSU-ES), was
9 nominated to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
10 Learning for commendation in recognition of Black History Month;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton received his Educational Specialist from
13 Mississippi State University, Agricultural and Extension Education
14 (2004); M.S. Degree from Mississippi State University,
15 Agricultural and Extension Education (1990); B.S. Degree from
16 Alcorn State University, Agricultural Education (1980); and
17 currently pursuing an Ed.D. from Mississippi State University,
18 Agricultural and Extension Education/Administration (2005); and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton began his career in 1980 as an Extension
20 4-H Youth Agent in Sunflower County; Assistant County Agent,
21 Bolivar County; County Agent/County Coordinator, Prentiss County;
22 Administrative Intern, MCES Administration, MSU; and Special
23 Projects Coordinator, MCES Administration, MSU. In 1997, he was
24 appointed Special Projects Coordinator, MSU Extension Service and
25 Special Affairs Advisor, MAFES; and

26 WHEREAS, as a joint employee of MAFES and MSU-ES, Mr. Hampton
27 has the unique opportunity to advance diversity not only on the

28 MSU campus and in every county in the state, but also among
29 agencies and institutions and across state lines; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton recently provided leadership to the
31 MSU-ES and Alcorn State University (ASU) Extension programs as
32 they participated in a National Consortium on Diversity. Mr.
33 Hampton has provided valuable assistance in developing strategies
34 with USDA and state agricultural agencies to enhance participation
35 by under-represented individuals in agricultural programs; and

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton led MAFES and MSU-ES through a USDA
37 Civil Rights/EEO review. During that process, he revised and
38 developed operational plans and policy guidelines. He trained
39 both ASU and MSU-ES middle managers regarding affirmative action
40 programs, compliance reviews and workforce diversity. He
41 continues to provide leadership for the revision of the
42 ASU-Extension Program and the MSU-ES/CSRESS plan of work; and

43 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton has served on the Professional and
44 Support Staff Council (1999-2001); Professional and Support Staff
45 Council Appreciation Planning Committee (1999-2001); Division of
46 Agricultural Professional and Support Staff Council (1999-2001);
47 Division of Agricultural Faculty Senate (2004); Vice Chair,
48 Division Agriculture Faculty Senate (2005); President's Commission
49 on the Status of Minorities (2003-2004); Vice Chair, President's
50 Commission on the Status of Minorities (2005); Commission on
51 Minorities Affairs (1993-2005); Chair, Diversity Committee, Holmes
52 Diversity Center Review (2004); and

53 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton's civic and community involvement
54 includes member of Progress for Winston County; member of the
55 Louisville Chapter, ASU Alumni Association; member, Winston County
56 NAACP; member and Deacon of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Louisville,
57 Mississippi; and

58 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton has been recognized for his work by
59 receiving First Place County Agent's Association Communicator
60 Award (1984); Outstanding Young Men of America (1986); selected

61 Extension Administrative Intern (1994); participated in USDA Civil
62 Rights Review of Oklahoma's Extension and Research programs
63 (1999); selected for and graduated from the MSU-ES Leadership
64 Academy (2002); and

65 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton's professional memberships and
66 activities include member of Mississippi County Agricultural
67 Agents Association; National County Agricultural Agents
68 Association; Mississippi State Council on Minority Affairs;
69 Research Center Administrators Society Service; Society for Human
70 Resources Management; and

71 WHEREAS, Mr. Hampton is respected for his ability to promote
72 partnerships and linkages with diverse audiences and universities.
73 He is particularly well respected for his efforts in support of
74 agricultural programs in Mississippi:

75 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
76 MISSISSIPPI, That we take pride in recognizing Mr. Clifford J.
77 Hampton, Special Projects Coordinator, Mississippi State University
78 Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, in observance of Black
79 History Month as a member of both the MAFES and MSU-ES
80 administration teams, and for his commitment to positive
81 advancement of diversity at Mississippi State University and in
82 the entire State of Mississippi.

83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
84 Mr. Hampton in recognition of his commitment to higher education,
85 be forwarded to the President of Mississippi State University and
86 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.