

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ANIKA MITCHELL PERKINS, DIRECTOR OF
2 PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN, FOR EDUCATIONAL AND
3 CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS.

4 WHEREAS, Anika Mitchell Perkins, Director of Public Affairs,
5 Mississippi University for Women (MUW), was nominated to the Board
6 of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for
7 commendation in recognition of Black History Month; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins received her Bachelor of Arts in
9 Journalism with concentration in Public Relations from Mississippi
10 University for Women; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins has worked at *The Commercial Dispatch* in
12 Columbus, Mississippi, as Staff Writer and News Editor. In 1999,
13 she joined the staff of Mississippi University for Women as Public
14 Affairs Director; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins is an advisor for Coretta Social Club,
16 established on MUW's campus in 1968 in honor of Coretta Scott
17 King—the club that fosters education, unity and leadership;
18 on-site advisor and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,
19 the oldest Greek-letter organization established in the United
20 States by black college women; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins' civic and community involvements
22 include Habitat for Humanity board member; EKA Nobel Community
23 Awareness Panel; Town and Tower Club member; member of Southside
24 M.B. Church and Welcome Committee; and former board member of Boys
25 and Girls Club; and

26 WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins' campus involvement include
27 Administrative Council member, Director's Council; Co-Chair of the

28 Information Technology Resources and Systems Committee for SACS,
29 and Presidential Search Committee in 2002; and

30 WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins' honors include 2002 Public Relations
31 Association of Mississippi Practitioner of the Year, recipient of
32 the 2001-2002 Virginia Carter Smith Scholarship by CASE; and

33 WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins' professional memberships and activities
34 include member of Public Relations Association of Mississippi and
35 former member of National Association of Black Journalists:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, That we take pride in recognizing Anika Mitchell
38 Perkins, Director of Public Affairs, Mississippi University for Women,
39 in observance of Black History Month for her contributions to
40 diversity at Mississippi University for Women and in the
41 community.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
43 Ms. Perkins in recognition of her commitment to higher education,
44 be forwarded to the President of Mississippi University for Women
45 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.