

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR
2 WOMEN TO MAINTAIN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CURRENT ALUMNI
3 ASSOCIATION.

4 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature created the Mississippi
5 University for Women (MUW) on March 12, 1884, the first public
6 college for women in America; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1988 the Board of Trustees of Institutions of
8 Higher Learning reaffirmed the mission of MUW's quality academic
9 programs for all qualified students with emphasis on distinctive
10 opportunities for women; and

11 WHEREAS, thousands of women and men have graduated from MUW;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, for over 117 years the alumni of MUW have loyally
14 supported the university financially and with their time and
15 energy; and

16 WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher
17 Learning has mandated that all eight of Mississippi's public
18 universities enter into affiliation agreements with their
19 perspective alumni associations and further that such associations
20 would continue to be independent organizations; and

21 WHEREAS, the university has entered into an institutions of
22 higher learning mandated affiliation agreement on October 25,
23 2006, with the MUW Alumni Association to govern the relationship
24 between the university and the association; and

25 WHEREAS, the alumni association has submitted bylaws for
26 review and approval and worked in good faith with the university;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, out of all eight public universities only the MUW
29 Alumni Association has been asked to give control of the election
30 of its officers to the Mississippi University for Women or their
31 affiliation agreement would be revoked; and

32 WHEREAS, the President of Mississippi University for Women
33 refuses to approve the bylaws without language that limits the
34 alumni association's ability to elect officers of their choice and
35 has given notice that she has disaffiliated from the association:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
38 THEREIN, That the Legislature urges the Mississippi University for
39 Women to maintain its relationship with the current alumni
40 association, which has served the university for 117 years, and to
41 resolve the dispute with the alumni association by giving the
42 alumni association of MUW the same voting rights of all other
43 alumni associations.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to the Governor and to the members of the Capitol Press
46 Corps.