

By: Representatives Reynolds, Mayo,
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED WORK OF
2 THE YAZOO-MISSISSIPPI DELTA LEVEE BOARD IN ITS CHARGE TO ERECT,
3 MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A SYSTEM OF LEVEES TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE AND
4 PROPERTY OF THE DELTA FROM DAMAGES OF HIGH WATERS OF THE
5 MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

6 WHEREAS, the Yazoo-Mississippi Levee District was created,
7 and the Board of Levee Commissioners for the Yazoo-Mississippi
8 Delta Levee District was chartered by an act of the Mississippi
9 Legislature, Chapter 164, Laws of 1884, and recognized and
10 continued under Article 121 of the Mississippi Constitution of
11 1890; and

12 WHEREAS, the levee district, comprised of all or part of
13 Coahoma, DeSoto, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Quitman, Sunflower,
14 Tallahatchie, Tunica and Yazoo Counties, has been overseen by the
15 distinguished and hard working board, which has labored tirelessly
16 in every endeavor to maintain its charge to erect, maintain and
17 operate a system of levees to protect the people and property of
18 the Mississippi Delta from damages of high waters of the
19 Mississippi River; and

20 WHEREAS, the levee board has recently committed to provide
21 in-kind work, estimated at a value of \$525,000.00, for the
22 construction of ponds being built as part of the fish hatchery
23 currently under construction at Enid Dam and Reservoir by the
24 Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; and

25 WHEREAS, with a long history of providing outstanding
26 maintenance of the Mississippi River Levee System, the levee board
27 recently received the Outstanding Maintenance of Flood Control
28 Facility Award, presented by the Memphis District of the United

29 States Army Corps of Engineers, marking the board's 49th
30 consecutive year of recognition of its sound levee maintenance
31 program; and

32 WHEREAS, while the board remains fully committed to
33 performing its mission of flood control and protection, it has
34 also committed itself to environmental protection, and established
35 programs impacting mitigation lands, tourism and education; and

36 WHEREAS, exceeding the call of duty to go above and beyond
37 the duties required of it, the levee board has constructed several
38 emergency management centers throughout the district, which
39 through inter-local agreements have been made available to
40 counties and school districts for joint usage; and

41 WHEREAS, not only focusing its efforts on the
42 responsibilities associated with levee maintenance, the levee
43 board, mindful of the fact that none are immune from catastrophe,
44 provided crews and equipment to the Gulf Coast after the
45 devastation of Hurricane Katrina, where they worked diligently for
46 several months in aiding the cleanup efforts, drainage repair and
47 fuel supply; and

48 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
49 recognize and commend the diligence exemplified by such entities
50 as the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board, which has served the
51 people of this state by ensuring flood water safety:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
54 commend and congratulate the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board
55 for its outstanding and dedicated work in fulfilling its charge to
56 erect, maintain and operate a functional levee protection system
57 and lending assistance to other state agencies, political
58 subdivisions and all citizens of the state.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
60 furnished to the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board and to the
61 members of the Capitol Press Corps.