

By: Representative Dickson

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI UPON HAVING  
2 THE NATION'S LARGEST ELECTED BODY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN OFFICIALS  
3 AND COMMENDING THESE ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THEIR PERSEVERANCE,  
4 DILIGENCE AND COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, in the culmination of support for the resurrection  
6 of the Civil Rights Museum and the history that embraces the  
7 trails of every hill and valley of this state, from the uttermost  
8 northern edge, to the infinite rows of Delta fields, to the clay  
9 lands of the rolling hills, to the sand, water and waves of the  
10 Mississippi Gulf Coast, all of which contain the secrets, thoughts  
11 and sights, both seen and unseen, of the blood and sweat to  
12 strengthen humanity, we salute the State of Mississippi and its  
13 entourage of African American elected officials; and

14 WHEREAS, as the silent halls of all patrons and communities'  
15 activists, heroines and heroes, forgotten and unrecorded of past  
16 generations resonate with the memories of their courage under  
17 fire, as they travailed to obtain the most basic of civil  
18 liberties, we salute this day, in the presence of this legislative  
19 fraternal order, these elected officials and the State of  
20 Mississippi as a whole, for its continued prevalence and  
21 willingness to embrace, with understanding, our true needs and  
22 conditions of our entire communities; and

23 WHEREAS, as displays of true humanity that rest in the acts  
24 of man and a civil society, we honor and embrace the presence of  
25 every good thought and deed that transcends within this day; and

26 WHEREAS, for the bodies of government represented by this  
27 prestigious class, we embrace 950 elected officials, the largest

28 body of African American elected officials in the United States;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, by right of this state, its citizenry and the acts  
31 of the Civil Rights movement, these officers of integrity and  
32 guardians of the people's interests have, through rights bestowed  
33 upon an individual by virtue of citizenship, especially the  
34 fundamental freedoms and privileges guaranteed by the 13th and  
35 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and subsequent acts of  
36 Congress, including civil liberties, due process, equal protection  
37 of the laws and freedom from discrimination, led the charge to  
38 attend the needs of the citizen electorate, which sought to bestow  
39 upon them titles, duties and responsibilities associated with each  
40 of their respected offices; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
42 highlight the great strides this state has made by coming together  
43 as one Mississippi, pulling itself up by the bootstraps, to ensure  
44 that a climate once wrought with civil improprieties and the hub  
45 of social activism for civil rights will never again experience  
46 the turmoil of prejudicial treatment and disparate acts,  
47 intimidation and violence:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
50 recognize the State of Mississippi upon having the nation's  
51 largest elected body of African American officials and commend  
52 these elected officials for their perseverance, diligence and  
53 commitment to public service.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
55 furnished to the Board of Supervisors for each Mississippi county  
56 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.