

By: Representatives Mayo, Espy

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SULLIVAN-SCHEIN CORPORATION FOR
2 DONATION OF A MOBILE DENTAL VAN TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO
3 PROVIDE ORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CITIZENS IN
4 MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITIES.

5 WHEREAS, on October 16, 2006, the Sullivan-Schein Corporation
6 gave a substantial and generous gift to the citizens of
7 Mississippi in the form of a mobile dental office on wheels called
8 "Tomorrow's Dental Office Today" or TDOT; and

9 WHEREAS, Sullivan-Schein developed TDOT in collaboration with
10 the American Dental Association to exhibit cutting-edge dental
11 treatment technology at the ADA Annual Session and dental trade
12 shows; and

13 WHEREAS, for the past three years, TDOT has been out of the
14 exhibit hall and on America's highways, providing community dental
15 outreach in 24 communities, including the Mississippi Gulf Coast
16 and the City of New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina; and

17 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Health is the
18 designated recipient of the van and is planning to locate this
19 mobile dental facility in the Mississippi Delta (Clarksdale) and
20 the Mississippi Gulf Coast region to assist dentists, many of whom
21 are members of the Mississippi Dental Association, to improve
22 access to dental preventive services and care for vulnerable
23 populations, including the uninsured and underinsured; and

24 WHEREAS, by providing Mississippi with TDOT, the
25 Sullivan-Schein Corporation, is helping Mississippi to revitalize
26 these communities by improving access to oral health care and
27 enhancing the quality of life for its citizens; and

28 WHEREAS, when the Mississippi Gulf Coast was reeling from the
29 staggering effects of Hurricane Katrina, Sullivan-Schein
30 Corporation, optimized the mobility of TDOT by taking this
31 state-of-the-art facility to Waveland, Mississippi, where dental
32 volunteers treated residents whose entire community had been
33 erased; and

34 WHEREAS, from September 13, 2005, through October 29, 2005,
35 TDOT was stationed in Waveland, Mississippi, where 975 people
36 visited the Waveland site and 1077 dental visits were made for
37 emergent dental care at no cost to those served or the local
38 community; and

39 WHEREAS, Sullivan-Schein Corporation has thus made a
40 significant contribution toward the promotion and provision of
41 oral health care in Mississippi communities that need access to
42 dental care; and

43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
44 commend the efforts of such entities as the Sullivan-Schein
45 Corporation for its endeavor to address dental decay, which is a
46 significant health problem in Mississippi that disproportionately
47 affects rural and low-income families:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That Sullivan-Schein
50 Corporation is commended for their support and generosity upon
51 donating a mobile dental unit to the State of Mississippi for
52 purposes of providing oral health care services for
53 underprivileged citizens in Mississippi communities.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to the Sullivan-Schein Corporation, the Mississippi
56 Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the
57 Mississippi State Dental Director and to the members of the
58 Capitol Press Corps.