

By: Representative Lott

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 103

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI, FOR
2 BEING NAMED THE STATE'S FIRST "EXCEL BY FIVE" COMMUNITY.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Petal, Mississippi, is the first
4 community in the state to be named an "Excel by Five" community;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mississippi First Lady Marsha Barbour joined with
7 early childhood development experts and Chevron representatives to
8 launch "Excel by Five"; and

9 WHEREAS, "Excel by Five" is a community-based educational
10 program designed to improve a child's overall well-being by age
11 five by setting forth a variety of standards involving parent
12 training, community participation, child care and health by
13 focusing on supporting pre-kindergarten children and their
14 families; and

15 WHEREAS, Chevron funded this program with a \$650,000.00 grant
16 that will enable the program to be piloted in Cleveland, West
17 Point, Petal and Pascagoula; and

18 WHEREAS, the Phil Hardin Foundation of Meridian has donated
19 \$35,000.00; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barbour acknowledges that the success of "Excel
21 by Five" will ultimately be determined by community support and
22 participation; and

23 WHEREAS, the citizens of Petal are excited and honored to be
24 the first city chosen by the "Excel by Five" program; and

25 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
26 recognize and honor cities that strive to improve the lives of the
27 children of Mississippi:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
29 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
30 commend the City of Petal, Mississippi, for being named the
31 state's first "Excel By Five" community.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
33 furnished to the Mayor of Petal, Mississippi, and to the members
34 of the Capitol Press Corps.