

By: Senator(s) King

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

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's 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 prekindergarten 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 with great pride that we recognize and honor  
26 this city that is focused on improving the lives of its children:

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

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