MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representative Bell (65th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

1 Hr24 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF 100 BLACK 2 MEN OF JACKSON, INC., ON THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE JACKSON, 3 MISSISSIPPI, COMMUNITY IN 2017.

WHEREAS, because of their extensive and outstanding community service in 2017, the members of 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc., have become a pinnacle of hope for youth, families and communities within the Jackson, Mississippi, area; and

8 WHEREAS, under the leadership of former Jackson Mayor, Harvey 9 Johnson, the members of 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc., have a 10 core mission of improving the quality of life for communities 11 within the Jackson, Mississippi, area through mentoring young men 12 of African descent to achieve education excellence, health and 13 wellness, economic empowerment and leadership development; and

14 WHEREAS, the Jackson chapter is comprised of members who are 15 dedicated to making a sustainable impact on the quality of 16 communities within the City of Jackson, and who mentor in nine 17 Jackson Public Schools (JPS) in order to demonstrate strong 18 leadership for their mentees to emulate in the future; and

19 WHEREAS, some of the chapter's vast community service 20 accomplishments for 2017 include announcing that the composite grade average of the mentees is 80.7% after the first semester; 21 22 taking JPS senior students to visit the Nissan corporate office in 23 Tennessee; sponsoring an aquatics program and extending free 24 swimming lessons to 242 students; sponsoring 104 JPS students to attend an aviation-inspired learning adventure for six days at the 25 26 National Flight Academy in Florida; hosting an annual 27 Scholarship/Mentoring Banquet where the organization gave \$17,500.00 in scholarships and raised over \$65,000.00; sponsoring 28 29 two ACT Prep Workshops to assist students in improving their ACT 30 scores; hosting an agricultural workshop in conjunction with the 31 USDA and National Baptist Convention; building a High Tunnel in 32 order to teach the mentees how to grow fruits and vegetables; and 33 taking 14 mentees to the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. National 34 Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize 36 and commend outstanding organizations who have brought honor to 37 their community and to the State of Mississippi through remarkable 38 community service:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
41 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the members of 100 Black Men of
42 Jackson, Inc., for their outstanding community service that has
43 made a tremendous impact on the youth of Mississippi, which, in

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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be 48 furnished to the members of 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc., and to 49 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

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service to community in 2017.