MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representative Rosebud

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 36

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING DREW UNITED FOR 2 PROGRESS FOR ITS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF 3 DREW, MISSISSIPPI. 4 WHEREAS, as one of the most respected and distinguished community organizations in the State of Mississippi, Drew United 5 for Progress is dedicated to improving the lives of the citizens 6 of Drew, Mississippi, through its tremendous hard work and 7 outstanding contributions to its community; and 8 9 WHEREAS, nestled between Grenada and Cleveland, Mississippi, the quaint town of Drew is about 1.1 square miles, with a 10 11 population of about 1,727 citizens who are tremendously supported by the efforts of Drew United for Progress that works diligently 12 13 to promote and expand the unique charm of the town; and 14 WHEREAS, the mission of Drew United for Progress is to increase prosperity in the City of Drew by unifying the community 15 16 and partnering with both private and public organizations to inspire the community and enhance the social and economic 17 18 well-being of its citizens; and

19 WHEREAS, the vision of this exceptional organization is to 20 develop Drew into a town that will be economically prosperous, 21 growth-oriented and unified, with excellent infrastructure, safe 22 and affordable housing for citizens of all income levels, 23 outstanding schools and easy access to nutritious and healthy food 24 for all citizens; and

25 WHEREAS, Drew United for Progress is comprised of the 26 following exceptional and outstanding members: Mary Phillips, 27 President; Betty Smith, Vice-President; Gloria Dickerson, 28 Treasurer; Hazel Harris, Secretary; Otha O'Neal, Assistant 29 Secretary; Marvin Flemmons; Norika Smith; Keisha Phillips; Hazel 30 Wallace; Tara Robinson; Melanie Townsend-Blackmon and Nettie 31 Davis; and

32 WHEREAS, throughout the years, Drew United members have 33 offered their unique talents and abilities to improve and maintain 34 the charm and lovely appeal of Drew, and they frequently join with 35 other organizations in their community to combine efforts to make a significant impact, and these partnerships include working with 36 37 WE2gether, Hope Credit Union, Hope Enterprise, Drew Collaborative 38 and partnering with the community food pantry to provide food for 39 those most in need; and

40 WHEREAS, with its continuous encouragement of community 41 fellowship, Drew United organizes annual events such as the 42 community festival that brings families together with exciting 43 cultures, delicious food, inspiring music and loads of fun, and

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WHEREAS, the tremendous efforts of Drew United for Progress have had an extraordinarily positive impact on the community, which is a true testament to the town's perseverance and courage; and

52 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to 53 commend distinguished Mississippi organizations, especially those 54 such as Drew United for Progress, whose unwavering dedication and 55 commitment to its community brings honor to the State of 56 Mississippi:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF 58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby 59 commend Drew United for Progress for its exceptional community 60 service and magnificent devotion to the prosperity and improvement 61 of its community, and extend best wishes for continued success in 62 all of its future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to the members of Drew United for Progress and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

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