HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.  62

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AFFIRMING OUR RESOLUTE OPPOSITION TO THE PROMOTION OF RACE OR SEX STEREOTYPING OR SCAPEGOATING AND CONDEMNING THE USE OF DIVISIVE CONCEPTS AND THEORIES THAT PROPAGATE SUCH STEREOTYPING AND SCAPEGOATING.

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, adopted on July 4, 1776, by the Second Continental Congress, affirms that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal"; and

WHEREAS, the Gettysburg Address, delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863, confirms that "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal"; and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, ratified on July 9, 1868, decrees that "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due
process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws"; and

WHEREAS, critical race theory and related ideologies propagate divisive and untrue concepts that teach one race or sex is inherently superior to another and that individuals of one race or sex are inherently superior to another and that individuals of one race or sex should be deprived of basic rights simply because of their race or sex; and

WHEREAS, it is contrary to the laws of God and nature that an individual's moral character is necessarily determined by his or her race or sex and that individuals should thus be discriminated against in the classroom, the workplace or any public forum or place:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we affirm our resolute opposition to the promotion of race or sex stereotyping or scapegoating and condemn the use of divisive concepts and theories that propagate such stereotyping and scapegoating.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to each member of the Mississippi congressional delegation and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.