

By: Representatives Sanders, Karriem, Taylor To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68

1 A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING
2 COMMUNITY SERVICE OF DR. PAM CHATMAN, AND EXPRESSING SINCERE
3 APPRECIATION FOR HER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO BENEFIT THE
4 CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Pam Chatman is a preeminent servant leader who
6 has been destined for greatness since assuming the mantle of
7 public service through civic and social engagement, made evident
8 in her zealous advocacy for serving all mankind in a vein of
9 selfless sacrifice, akin to that of civil rights activist, Fannie
10 Lou Hamer, with whom she shares the same birthday; and

11 WHEREAS, tapped by the Mississippi Magnolia Bar Association
12 as the recipient of the Harriet Tubman Award for her courageous
13 leadership in the Mississippi Delta, Dr. Chatman has used her
14 voice to find and create sustainable opportunities for families in
15 the Mississippi Delta; and

16 WHEREAS, additionally, she has received the Martin Luther
17 King, Jr., Community Service award from the men of Alpha Phi Alpha
18 Fraternity, Inc., and was recently awarded, on the national level,



19 the Humanitarian Of the Year by the Women Doing It Big
20 organization during its meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona; and

21 WHEREAS, well known for her professionally astute business
22 acumen, Dr. Chatman, who was recognized by her Mississippi peers,
23 as one of Mississippi's Most Influential Women in Business, for
24 having assisted more than 4,000 low income families in the
25 Mississippi Delta and North Mississippi by helping them during
26 2022 through her organization Boss Lady Economic Planning
27 Development Workforce Transportation; and

28 WHEREAS, with a mission and aim of aiding those in need from
29 falling victims to eviction and keeping their utilities on due to
30 hardships experienced during the pandemic through the Mississippi
31 Home Corporation's Rental Assistance for Mississippians Program
32 (RAMP); and

33 WHEREAS, 2022 proved to be an active year of championing
34 causes to redirect the plight of those in need of various forms of
35 assistance through empowering initiatives, including: partnering
36 with USDA to help families through Rural Development with home
37 improvement and the new home ownership program to help families
38 with better housing opportunities; helping families who were
39 without functioning bathrooms and overall home improvement needs;
40 helping families in the rural Mississippi Delta by facilitating
41 the path to homeownership; and working with Save the Children
42 assisting more than 3,000 families by providing healthy
43 nutritional produce for children and families through the Holiday



44 Food Box Program; partnering with Foundation of the Mid-South to
45 help distribute over 2,000 food boxes in rural communities through
46 the Boss Lady Food Crisis Mobile Distribution Program to make sure
47 that the elderly and impoverished communities received USDA meats
48 and fresh produce; partnering with Entergy and Amerigroup to
49 distribute in excess of 1,500 blankets and energy efficiency kits
50 to help families during the winter months; requesting the
51 declaration for Housing Crisis Emergency assistance for more than
52 100 families which had to be evacuated due to excessive exposure
53 to carbon monoxide at an apartment complex; joining forces with
54 Mississippi Coats for Kids and Walmart providing over 2,000 coats,
55 gloves and hats for children; and partnering with Associated
56 Wholesale Grocery Company in Hernando to create more than 100
57 workforce opportunities for residents; and

58 WHEREAS, Congressman Bennie Thompson highlighted Dr. Chatman
59 during a Federal Infrastructure Conference held in Mississippi for
60 her contributions made towards the creation of more than 1,000
61 jobs, becoming one of the largest private workforce transportation
62 initiatives in the Mississippi Delta, partnering with FedEx
63 transporting and using more than nine 55-passenger charter buses
64 to create opportunities for the rural communities across the Delta
65 region; and

66 WHEREAS, additionally during 2022, Rust College acknowledged
67 her historical mark in broadcasting upon becoming Mississippi's



68 first African-American female news director by dedicating and
69 naming the Broadcasting Operation Building in her honor; and

70 WHEREAS, Dr. Chatman joined forces with Telecom EDS Tech LLC
71 - Retrain America Company to create the first Broadband Fiber
72 Optic Workforce Training program in the Mississippi Delta, while
73 partnering with several city, county, state and federal
74 organizations to assist with creating higher paying jobs for
75 Mississippians; and

76 WHEREAS, through the Kellogg Foundation, the Walton
77 Foundation and the Foundation of the Mid-South, Dr. Chatman is now
78 working with a trio of nonprofits to create sustainable workforce
79 trainings and job opportunities across the rural Mississippi
80 Delta; and

81 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
82 acknowledge remarkable individuals of Dr. Chatman's caliber, whose
83 selfless dedication to improving the quality of life of
84 Mississippians in underserved areas shines a beacon of light on
85 her heart of compassion and service to be her brother's keeper
86 through acts of humanitarianism:

87 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
88 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
89 acknowledge and commend the outstanding community service of Dr.
90 Pam Chatman, expressing sincere appreciation for her significant
91 contributions to benefit the citizens of the State of Mississippi,



92 and extend best wishes for continued success in all her future
93 endeavors.

94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
95 furnished to Dr. Pam Chatman and to the members of the Capitol
96 Press Corps.

