

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.

