MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representative Gunn

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS 2 SOUTHERN OFFICE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 77TH SOUTHERN LEGISLATIVE 3 CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS SOUTHERN OFFICE. 4 WHEREAS, the Council of State Governments Southern Office (CSG South) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit member organization that 5 serves the southern legislatures of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, 6 7 Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, 8 9 and West Virginia; and WHEREAS, with regionally based leadership and perspective, 10

10 WHEREAS, with regionally based leadership and perspective, 11 and national-level resources, CSG South provides southern 12 legislators and government staff with a wide variety of programs 13 and services that facilitate regional cooperation and encourage 14 the exchange of information; and

15 WHEREAS, CSG South is governed by an executive committee 16 which is comprised of legislative leadership, and creates policy 17 topics that are overseen by six standing policy committees which 18 consist of legislators and government staff from the member 19 states; and

20 WHEREAS, the mission of the organization is to serve as a 21 community of the states, committed to connecting, informing, 22 inspiring and empowering public servants in all three branches of 23 state government to put the best ideas and solutions into 24 practice; and

25 WHEREAS, in pursuit of this mission, CSG South has convened 26 the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) for the past 76 years, 27 beginning with its inception in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and moving 28 into decades of fellowship and cooperation between the 15 southern 29 states; and

30 WHEREAS, the 77th Southern Legislative Conference will 31 convene in Charleston, South Carolina, from July 8 through 12, 32 2023; and

33 WHEREAS, more than 1,500 southern legislators, government 34 staff, and their families will gather to discuss policy matters 35 specifically affecting southern states to bridge commonalities and 36 discuss solutions for current policy trends, challenges, and 37 opportunities; and

38 WHEREAS, commending and highlighting the annual Southern 39 Legislative Conference, and offering a welcome to all southern 40 legislative, executive, and judicial officials to attend; and

H. R. No. 85 23/HR43/R2196 PAGE 2 (GT\EW) 41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to 42 commend fine organizations like CSG, that strive to bring policy makers from all walks of life and different perspectives together: 43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF 44 45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby 46 commend the Council of State Governments Southern Office on the 47 occasion of the 77th Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments Southern Office. 48

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to the leadership of the Council of State Governments Southern Office and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

H. R. No. 85 23/HR43/R2196 PAGE 3 (GT\EW) ST: Council of State Governments Southern Office; commend on occasion of the 77th Southern Legislative Conference of CSG (South).