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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 170

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE CAST MEMBERS OF
2 THE "BELLE COLLECTIVE" REALITY TV SERIES BROADCASTING ON THE OPRAH
3 WINFREY NETWORK.

4 WHEREAS, the "Belle Collective" is an American reality
5 television series, which premiered on the Oprah Winfrey Network
6 (OWN) on January 15, 2021, with Season 2 debuting Friday, July 29,
7 2022; and

8 WHEREAS, "Belle Collective" centers on the personal and
9 professional lives of six successful, glamorous African-American
10 businesswomen who are redefining what it means to be a southern
11 belle living in Jackson, Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, determined to break glass ceilings and other social
13 and gender barriers, while shredding long-held stereotypes of the
14 South, "Belle Collective" is much more than the drama that plays
15 out on the camera, but focuses on African-American female
16 entrepreneurship, family, career navigation and civic and social
17 activism to elevate the culture; and



18 WHEREAS, currently filming its third season, the "Belle
19 Collective" cast consists of: Lateshia Pearson, Tambra Cherie,
20 Latrice Rogers, Marie Hamilton-Abston, Aikisha Holly-Colon and
21 Sophia O. "So Gucci" Williams; and

22 WHEREAS, Lateshia Pearson is an author, motivational speaker,
23 CEO of Lateshia Pearson Enterprise, Inc., and business strategist,
24 who has gained major public acclaim while serving as a force of
25 empowerment, inspiration and encouragement for women on their
26 journey to start businesses; and

27 WHEREAS, a proud recipient of the 2020 Top Entrepreneur of
28 the Year Award, and 2020 Top 50 under 40 Award presented by the
29 *Mississippi Business Journal*, Mrs. Pearson utilizes the Women
30 Brunch Mississippi, which she founded, as a platform of advocacy
31 that focuses on helping women become the best version of
32 themselves by sharing life-changing techniques that lead to
33 incredible transformations and successful connections with the
34 resources to establish thriving businesses; and

35 WHEREAS, the poised and personable Tambra Cherie is a
36 full-time, interactive media personality, radio/TV personality,
37 entertainment news correspondent, author, entrepreneur,
38 spokesperson and host, who is known as the City with Soul's
39 "Midday Diva," a persona she acquired while working as the midday
40 on-air radio personality for 97.7, The Beat of the Capital, WRBJ;
41 and



42 WHEREAS, Tambra Cherie, whose passion for the entertainment
43 industry was discovered while attending Jackson State University,
44 has hosted concerts, festivals and events throughout the country,
45 and with more than 15 years of experience in radio and television
46 market, her effervescent personality has won over the hearts of
47 listeners and viewers alike during her guest hosting appearances
48 on Lifetime's hit television show "Bring It!", as a guest co-host
49 on Dish Nation TV, which airs on FOX affiliates, and appearances
50 on TV One's "Sister Circle TV", where she expounds upon the
51 messages that inspired her book, *Surrounded by Sin, Grounded by*
52 *Love: 8 Simple Keys to Becoming a Better You*; and

53 WHEREAS, beauty mogul, entrepreneur and TV personality,
54 Latrice Rogers is a true testament to dedication and hard work, as
55 the CEO of Goddess Lengths Virgin Hair and E'Sensual Beauty, who
56 has had a fascination with hair care since her youth, and who from
57 the trunk of her Toyota Camry, has built a multi-million dollar
58 business after many tireless months of sampling, testing, trial
59 and error; and

60 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rogers' drive and perseverance led her to
61 develop one of the hair industry's most sought after hair brands
62 in the country, offering customers the finest virgin human hair
63 tresses worldwide, which positioned Goddess Lengths Virgin Hair to
64 become one of the first hair companies in the world to offer
65 hair-dispensing vending machines, while remaining true to her
66 humble beginnings in Canton, Mississippi, and uplifting the next



67 generation by catering to college students as a diligent community
68 servant and philanthropist who has awarded scholarships,
69 participated in hunger initiatives and sponsors one of the largest
70 annual back-to-school book bag, laptop and supply drives in the
71 State of Mississippi; and

72 WHEREAS, Marie Hamilton-Abston, a Brandon native, who holds a
73 bachelor's degree in accounting, a master's degree in health
74 administration, while currently pursuing her doctorate in health
75 administration, is Black history in the making, as the State of
76 Mississippi's first African-American owner of several opioid
77 treatment clinics, committed to providing withdrawal management
78 services to people suffering from chronic addiction to opioids and
79 opioid derivatives; and

80 WHEREAS, the co-owner of a multi-million dollar empire of
81 thriving business establishments, consisting of Hamilton Davis
82 Mental Health, Inc., Hamilton Davis Home Care, Inc., Hamilton
83 Davis Medical Supply, Inc., Hamilton Davis Adult Day Care, Inc.,
84 Hamilton Davis Transport, Inc., Hamilton Davis Assisted Living
85 Agency, Inc., Hamilton Davis Community Outreach, Inc., Hamilton
86 Davis K-12 Private Academy, Inc., Hamilton Davis Auto Sales, Inc.,
87 Zuri Marie Cosmetics, Zuri Marie Virgin Hair and Zuri Marie
88 Fashion Designer, Mrs. Hamilton-Abston showcases to the world that
89 she has the zeal required to be a devoted mother, daughter,
90 sister, aunt, and multi-business owner and the rewards of
91 fulfillment that accompany each role; and



92 WHEREAS, Aikisha Holly-Colon is a native of Jackson,
93 Mississippi, who, after graduating from Callaway High School,
94 attended Clark Atlanta University, where she earned a bachelor of
95 arts degree in mass media arts with a concentration in
96 radio/TV/film before going to work at WSB-TV Atlanta's ABC
97 affiliate and appearing on Atlanta's first Internet radio network,
98 Beehive FM, as a host on The Midday Show; and

99 WHEREAS, a partner and co-owner of Bricks and Hops Beer
100 Garden in the Bronx, New York, Mrs. Holly-Colon, who will be
101 bringing a second location of the popular Bronx dive to Jackson's
102 Farish Street Historic District soon, wears dual hats as the
103 president and executive director of the Willie and Aikisha Colon
104 Foundation, in addition to serving in the capacity of vice
105 president of her family's nonprofit organization, The Holly
106 Foundation, while juggling a work-life balance as the wife to
107 retired NFL player, super bowl champion and radio/tv personality
108 Willie Colon, mother of two children, William Muriel IV and Holly
109 LaSonia-Grace, and as a dedicated member of Delta Sigma Theta
110 Sorority, Inc; and

111 WHEREAS, Sophia O. Williams, affectionately known as "So
112 Gucci," a certified personal trainer and the owner of Stairway 2
113 Sogucci Fitness, whose mantra and objective is living life with
114 passion and tenacity, loves being active and a staple in the
115 community, by helping others to live their best lives through boot
116 camps she hosts to encourage health and wellness; and



117 WHEREAS, a reputable and thriving real estate agent with
118 impressive sales volumes, Sophia Williams has capitalized on both
119 her bachelor's degree in business management and master's in human
120 resources to amass over \$1 million in property sales within her
121 first year as a realtor, and under her affiliation with
122 Keller-Williams Realty she continues to build her real estate
123 clientele; and

124 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
125 recognize such a remarkable group of strong, independent and
126 successful African-American women who are the symbols of
127 Mississippi's remarkable talents in education, social and civic
128 service and entrepreneurial success:

129 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
130 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
131 recognize and commend the cast members of the "Belle Collective"
132 reality television series broadcasting on the Oprah Winfrey
133 Network and extend best wishes for continued success in all their
134 future endeavors.

135 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
136 furnished to Lateshia Pearson, Tandra Cherie, Latrice Rogers,
137 Marie Hamilton-Abston, Aikisha Holly-Colon, Sophia O. "So Gucci"
138 Williams and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

