

By: Representatives Nelson, Butler-
Washington, Foster, McCray

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MRS. NITA P. MARTIN
2 UPON BEING NAMED THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICER OF CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI REALTORS AND FOR HER OVERALL
4 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY.

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Nita P. Martin is being honored for her
6 historical and impactful service as the first African American to
7 serve, from March 2022 to October 2023, as Chief Executive Officer
8 (CEO) of Central Mississippi Realtors as well as for her overall
9 effective service in the real estate industry; and

10 WHEREAS, as one who knows the importance of earning an
11 education, Mrs. Martin earned a bachelor of arts in mass
12 communication and journalism from the University of Southern
13 Mississippi (USM) as well as a master of business administration
14 from South University in Austin, Texas; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin, a proud native of Jackson, Mississippi,
16 who is a licensed realtor, realtor association certified executive
17 and a fervent advocate for homeownership, began her career in 2006
18 by selflessly serving as a Homeownership Counselor, certified by
19 the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, NeighborWorks



20 America and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
21 (HUD); and

22 WHEREAS, due to Mrs. Martin's zealous role in helping to
23 prevent foreclosures during the "Great Recession", she was awarded
24 the "Commitment to Excellent Award" in 2010 by the president of
25 Consumer Credit Counseling Services; and

26 WHEREAS, after Mrs. Martin's service in homeownership
27 counseling, which positively changed the lives of those she
28 served, she served as the Housing, Training & Technical Assistance
29 Specialist for USM's Institute for Disabilities Studies Home of
30 Your Own (HOYO) Program from 2010 through 2014; and

31 WHEREAS, during Mrs. Martin's service with HOYO, she made
32 vast contributions such as providing pre-purchase homebuyer
33 education to hundreds of individuals, and she secured \$500,000 in
34 HUD deferred loans and direct subsidies for mortgage financing;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, notably, the HOYO Program, during Mrs. Martin's
37 tenure, was awarded the "Best Homebuyer Program in the State" by
38 Governor Haley Barbour for three consecutive years, thus
39 establishing her rich legacy as a trusted and renowned housing
40 professional throughout the State of Mississippi; and

41 WHEREAS, in 2013, Mrs. Martin became a member of the FDIC's
42 Delta Alliance for Economic Inclusion, and staying true to her
43 calling, she focused on improving the economic well-being of the
44 unbanked and underserved; and



45 WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin, from 2014 through 2018, served as
46 Central Mississippi Realtors' Communications and Political Affairs
47 Director, and in this role, she ghost authored more than 150 real
48 estate columns that were published by the *Clarion Ledger*, and she
49 conducted policy research that helped lead to the repeal of HOA
50 transfer fees; and

51 WHEREAS, from 2018-2019, Mrs. Martin took her talents to
52 Texas, where she served as Government Affairs Director of Advocacy
53 for the San Antonio Board of Realtors and was appointed to the
54 Mayor's Housing Policy Task Force and the Texas Realtors Political
55 Involvement Committee, and she even wrote a grant
56 that funded the association's first Opportunity Zone Conference,
57 which speaks to her forward thinking; and

58 WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin, from 2019-2021, served as Director of
59 Government Affairs for the Orlando Regional Realtor Association,
60 where she launched political affairs and legislative advocacy for
61 the nation's seventh largest realtor association, and she
62 coordinated donations that totaled \$1.8 million for the Realtor
63 Political Action Committee (RPAC) and expended \$1,000,000 through
64 Realtor Party campaign services; and

65 WHEREAS, in 2022, after making monumental contributions in
66 Texas and Florida, Mrs. Martin returned home to her native
67 Mississippi, where she continued her rich legacy of service and
68 was appointed as CEO of Central Mississippi Realtors, where, under
69 her leadership, she commenced many innovative community outreach



70 programs such as Realtor Career Day and Power Hour Forums, just to
71 name a few, and she activated the Realtors Party Campaign Services
72 Program thus expanding the realtors brand in the Jackson metro
73 area; and

74 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
75 recognize an exceptional leader in the real estate industry such
76 as Mrs. Nita P. Martin whose passionate advocacy for the industry,
77 affordable and workforce housing, fair housing and civic
78 engagement stands as a role model for not only realtors in the
79 Magnolia State - but to realtors across this great nation:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
81 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
82 commend Mrs. Nita P. Martin upon her service as the first
83 African-American CEO of Central Mississippi Realtors, as well as
84 for her overall service within the real estate industry and wish
85 her continued success in all her future endeavors.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
87 furnished to Mrs. Nita P. Martin, and to the members of the
88 Capitol Press Corps.

