

By: Representative Paden

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CHARLESTIEN HARRIS
2 OF CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI, UPON BEING NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE
3 "2023 FINANCIAL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR" AWARD BY THE ASSOCIATION
4 FOR FINANCIAL COUNSELING AND PLANNING EDUCATION (AFCPE).

5 WHEREAS, the Northern Delta financial and banking community
6 and the citizens of Clarksdale, Mississippi, are proud to
7 celebrate the announcement of Charlestien Harris as the recipient
8 of the "2023 Financial Counselor of the Year" presented by the
9 Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education
10 (AFCPE); and

11 WHEREAS, a Clarksdale resident, Southern University alum, and
12 35-year veteran in financial education and counseling, Mrs. Harris
13 is employed with Southern Bancorp Community Partners as a
14 Credit/HUD Certified Housing Counselor, where she utilizes a
15 network of resources to connect clients with services to find
16 viable financial solutions; and

17 WHEREAS, trained to provide specialized financial education
18 and support for people's situations, goals and needs, Mrs. Harris,
19 throughout her tenure with Southern Bancorp Community Partners,



20 regularly works with individuals in underserved and unbanked
21 communities; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris, who has been certified by the
23 Association of Financial Counseling Planning and Education (AFCPE)
24 as an Accredited Financial Counselor since 2003, is also certified
25 by Neighbor Works as a foreclosure and default specialist, a HUD
26 certified housing counselor, a credit repair specialist, a
27 licensed military home specialist with the Boots Across America
28 Program, and most recently she was certified as a trainer by
29 Freddie Mac with the Credit Smart curriculum; and

30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris has served as Southern Bancorp's
31 Credit/Housing Counselor for the past 13 years, however, prior to
32 her transition to the private financial sector, she had devoted
33 more than twenty-seven years to public service with the
34 Mississippi State University Extension Service; and

35 WHEREAS, throughout the course of her professional endeavor
36 and efforts to make meaningful impact in the lives of the
37 individuals she strives to serve with utmost integrity and
38 compassion, Mrs. Harris enjoyed the love and support of her late
39 husband, Elder Nathan Harris, Sr., along with their five children
40 and 14 grandchildren; and

41 WHEREAS, the AFCPE has 3,215 certified professionals
42 worldwide, and in honor of "Mississippi Saves Week" and "America
43 Saves Week" on April 8-12, 2024; and



44 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
45 commend extraordinary business professionals of Mrs. Harris'
46 premier caliber, whose expertise as one of Mississippi's most
47 accomplished financial planners has garnered her recognition by
48 her peers and has brought honor to her community and to the State
49 of Mississippi:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
51 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
52 commend and congratulate Mrs. Charlestien Harris upon being named
53 recipient of the "2023 Financial Counselor of the Year" award by
54 the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education
55 (AFCPE), and extend our best wishes for future success.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
57 furnished to Mrs. Charlestien Harris, to the AFCPE, the
58 Mississippi Bankers Association and to the members of the Capitol
59 Press Corps.

