

By: Representative Butler-Washington

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING CONNECTING THE DOTS  
2 FOUNDATION, INC., IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.

3 WHEREAS, on February 13, 2024, Connecting the Dots  
4 Foundation, Inc., made history in the State of Mississippi, having  
5 commissioned and secured the installation of the first portrait of  
6 a woman to be permanently displayed inside of the State Capitol  
7 building since Mississippi was admitted to the Union in 1817, a  
8 truly momentous occasion that is a shining example for Women's  
9 History Month; and

10 WHEREAS, upon the retirement of Representative Alyce Griffin  
11 Clarke, Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc., also presented the  
12 "One in a Million", A Night of Jubilee celebration on January 26,  
13 2024, during which hundreds of people from around the country came  
14 to honor the remarkable works of one of Mississippi's most  
15 impactful legislators, Representative Clarke; and

16 WHEREAS, it was at this event that the commissioned portrait,  
17 which now hangs in the education room of the beautiful State



18 Capitol building in Jackson, Mississippi, was officially unveiled;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Marilyn Johnson-Luckett, the founder and  
21 Executive Director of Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc., has  
22 painstakingly honored notable Mississippians for the past 12  
23 years, preserving their legacies for the sake of posterity, and  
24 more specifically, to provide a repository of impactful life  
25 stories that future youth of Mississippi can draw upon for  
26 inspiration that will propel them into leading notable lives  
27 themselves; and

28 WHEREAS, Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc., exists to  
29 inspire, empower and connect community service organizations by  
30 helping them to realize their dreams and accomplish their goals  
31 through the development of community activities, educational  
32 opportunities, and by procuring the necessary financial support to  
33 accommodate these initiatives; and

34 WHEREAS, Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc., inspires,  
35 empowers, and connects communities both locally and  
36 internationally by building cultural bridges and planting long  
37 range initiatives in countries such as in Malawi, Africa; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
39 recognize outstanding organizations, especially those such as  
40 Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc., whose service and dedication  
41 brings honor to the State of Mississippi:



42           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
44 recognize and commend Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc., in  
45 honor of Women's History Month.

46           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
47 furnished to former Representative Alyce G. Clarke, Dr. Marilyn  
48 Johnson-Luckett and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

