

By: Senator(s) Jackson, Simmons (12th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHARLESTIEN HARRIS OF CLARKSDALE,  
2 MISSISSIPPI, AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE "2023 FINANCIAL COUNSELOR OF  
3 THE YEAR" AWARD BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR FINANCIAL COUNSELING &  
4 PLANNING EDUCATION (AFCPE).

5 WHEREAS, we join the Northern Delta financial and banking  
6 community and the citizens of Clarksdale, Mississippi, in  
7 congratulating Charlestien Harris upon her receipt of the "2023  
8 Financial Counselor of the Year" Award from the Association for  
9 Financial Counseling & Planning Education (AFCPE); and

10 WHEREAS, Charlestien Harris is a Clarksdale resident and  
11 35-year veteran in financial education and counseling who is  
12 employed with Southern Bancorp Community Partners as a Credit/HUD  
13 Certified Housing Counselor. She accesses vast networks of  
14 resources to connect clients with the necessary services to find  
15 viable solutions and is trained to provide specialized financial  
16 education and support for people's particular situations, goals  
17 and needs. Charlestien regularly works with individuals in  
18 underserved and unbanked communities; and



19 WHEREAS, Charlestien is certified by the Association of  
20 Financial Counseling Planning and Education (AFCPE) as an  
21 Accredited Financial Counselor and has held the AFCPE  
22 certification since 2003. She is also certified by Neighbor Works  
23 as a Foreclosure and Default Specialist, a HUD Certified Housing  
24 Counselor and as a Credit Repair Specialist. Charlestien is a  
25 licensed Military Home Specialist with the Boots Across America  
26 Program and was recently certified as a trainer by Freddie Mac  
27 with the Credit Smart curriculum; and

28 WHEREAS, for the last thirteen years, Charlestien has been a  
29 Credit/Housing Counselor with Southern Bancorp in Clarksdale.  
30 Prior to that, she was with Mississippi State University Extension  
31 Service for over 27 years; and

32 WHEREAS, Charlestien and the late Elder Nathan Harris, Sr.,  
33 have five children and 14 grandchildren. She holds a Bachelor of  
34 Arts Degree from Southern University; and

35 WHEREAS, the AFCPE has 3,215 certified professionals  
36 worldwide, and in honor of "Mississippi Saves Week" and "America  
37 Saves Week" April 8-12, 2024, it is appropriate to commend a  
38 Mississippi financial planner who has been commended in her  
39 profession by her peers and has brought honor to her community and  
40 to the State of Mississippi:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
42 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize Charlestien Harris of  
43 Clarksdale, Mississippi, as the recipient of the "2023 Financial



44 Counselor of the Year" Award by the Association for Financial  
45 Counseling & Planning Education (AFCPE), and extend to Ms. Harris  
46 our best wishes for future success.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
48 Charlestien Harris, forwarded to the AFCPE and the Mississippi  
49 Bankers Association and be made available to the Capitol Press  
50 Corps.

