

By: Senator(s) Hill, Ladner

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL APPRAISER AND
2 CERTIFIED DISTANCE EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR MELISSA BOND OF PICAYUNE,
3 MISSISSIPPI, FOR DEVELOPING THE FIRST-IN-THE-NATION MISSISSIPPI
4 PRACTICAL APPRAISER TRAINING (MPAT) PROGRAM AND COMMENDING THE
5 STATE'S INNOVATIVE PATHWAY TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSURE.

6 WHEREAS, on August 24, 2022, the Appraisal Subcommittee of
7 the Mississippi Appraisal Board partnered with Mississippi
8 Practical Appraiser Training (MPAT) for its first in-the-nation
9 MPAT Program completion ceremony for 17 aspiring real estate
10 appraisers in Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, this MPAT Program was designed, developed, and
12 implemented by the leading Appraisal Educator, Melissa Bond of
13 Picayune, Mississippi. The program is administered under the
14 authority of the Mississippi Appraisal Board. It is fully funded
15 by a federal grant from the Appraisal Subcommittee, the federal
16 oversight committee for state regulatory agencies; and

17 WHEREAS, Mississippi is leading the nation with this
18 innovative pathway to licensure. This MPAT Program is the pilot
19 program for the nation and will help to alleviate barriers to



20 entry. The program is designed to augment the current real
21 property appraiser population within our state, specifically
22 focusing on the areas of the state that have an insufficient
23 number of appraisers. It is also the intention of this program to
24 seek out individuals who will better reflect the state's overall
25 population by actively recruiting a more diverse group of
26 under-represented individuals; and

27 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and
28 Certification Board was enacted in 1990 to conform state law
29 provisions concerning the regulation of real estate appraisers to
30 the requirements instituted by the passage of the Financial
31 Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 by the
32 Federal Government (Title XI); and

33 WHEREAS, this ceremony marked the celebration of the first
34 State Appraiser and AMC Regulatory Program in United States
35 history to accept a federal grant by partnering with the Appraisal
36 Subcommittee to provide increased opportunities, especially for
37 women and people of color. This partnership is the foundation of
38 a deliberate activation for improving equity in the appraisal
39 industry; and

40 WHEREAS, Melissa Bond developed the practicum training
41 program (MPAT) and implemented the first-run class which had a
42 higher national exam pass rate than the other 2 pathways to
43 licensing. Now, due to this practicum, Mississippi is at the
44 forefront of trailblazing. Melissa has been the guest speaker at



45 national conferences regarding MPAT. She was the guest speaker in
46 Washington, D.C., at The Appraisal Foundation Advisory Council
47 meeting in February 2024 and is currently meeting with technical
48 colleges regarding writing this practicum into a 2-year associate
49 degree program. Multiple states are currently seeking legislative
50 changes to allow this MPAT practicum program as a pathway to
51 licensing in their state; and

52 WHEREAS, "I want to give a special thanks to Melissa Bond and
53 the 17 individuals who took the leap and became the first in the
54 country to create a lasting impact on a profession that is in need
55 of new and diverse professionals," said Jim Park, Executive
56 Director of the Appraisal Subcommittee; and

57 WHEREAS, we join licensed real estate appraisers in
58 congratulating the first graduating class in the nation of this
59 innovative program developed by a citizen of the State of
60 Mississippi:

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
62 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize certified residential
63 appraiser and certified distance education instructor Melissa Bond
64 for developing the first-in-the-nation Mississippi Practical
65 Appraiser Training (MPAT) program and commend the state's
66 innovative pathway to real estate appraiser licensure.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
68 Appraisal Educator Melissa Bond, forwarded to the Mississippi Real



69 Estate Appraisal Board and made available to the Capitol Press
70 Corps.

