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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE DEDICATED SERVICE
2 OF MR. DEVIN WINSETT TO THE CITY OF JACKSON AS DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL
3 SERVICES FOR THE REFILL JACKSON INITIATIVE.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Devin Winsett has demonstrated an unwavering
5 commitment to empowering young adults in Jackson, Mississippi,
6 through his dedicated service as the Director of Social Services
7 for the Refill Jackson Initiative (RJI), a nonprofit organization
8 focused on workforce development and holistic social services; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and a graduate
10 of East Central High School in Moss Point, Mr. Winsett earned his
11 bachelor of arts degree in sociology and anthropology from
12 Millsaps College in 2016; and

13 WHEREAS, upon graduation, Mr. Winsett embarked on a journey
14 of service and education, first teaching English as a second
15 language in Mexico City before serving as a City Year Corps member
16 in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he taught middle school math in
17 the Ninth Ward community; and



18 WHEREAS, through his experience in education, Mr. Winsett
19 discovered his passion for working with young people and assisting
20 them in overcoming barriers to success, which led him to pursue a
21 career in social work, and in furtherance of his commitment to
22 social services, he served as a case worker for a youth
23 residential group home in Brooklyn, New York, before returning to
24 Mississippi to earn his master of social work degree from Jackson
25 State University in 2021; and

26 WHEREAS, while completing his graduate studies, Mr. Winsett
27 worked as a residential care specialist at a youth residential
28 treatment facility and interned with the Refill Jackson
29 Initiative, where he cultivated a deep appreciation for the
30 organization's mission to equip young adults with workforce skills
31 and social support; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Winsett joined the Refill Jackson Initiative
33 full-time in May 2021 as a social worker and instructor, and in
34 July 2024, he was elevated to the position of Director of Social
35 Services, where he has been instrumental in advancing the
36 organization's programs and initiatives; and

37 WHEREAS, under Mr. Winsett's leadership, RJI has expanded its
38 impact, providing young adults aged 18 to 24 with job training,
39 financial education, career coaching and comprehensive social
40 services to address barriers such as housing insecurity, mental
41 health access and childcare needs; and



WHEREAS, through his work with RJI, Mr. Winsett has helped numerous individuals achieve self-sufficiency and employment, reinforcing the organization's vision of a healthier, wealthier Jackson for all; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winsett's commitment to education extends beyond his work at RJI, as he has also served as an adjunct professor of sociology at Millsaps College since August 2021; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional endeavors, Mr. Winsett enjoys traveling, cooking and participating in Jackson's vibrant arts and music community; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to recognize and honor the work of selfless individuals of Mr. Winsett's caliber who have made outstanding contributions to workforce development and social services, as evidenced by his dedication to improving the lives of young people throughout the City of Jackson:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize and commend Mr. Devin Winsett for his dedicated service as the Director of Social Services for the Refill Jackson Initiative and extend best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Devin Winsett and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

