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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CAREER OF ROBERT P. MOSES,
2 PIVOTAL CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT ORGANIZER AND DEVELOPER OF THE
3 ALGEBRA PROJECT.

4 WHEREAS, Robert P. Moses resides in Cambridge, Massachusetts,
5 with his wife, Dr. Janet Moses, pediatrician; they have four
6 children; Mr. Moses was born and raised in Harlem, and received
7 his B.A. in 1956 from Hamilton College; in 1957, he received a
8 M.A. in philosophy from Harvard University and taught mathematics
9 at the Horace Mann School in New York City from 1958-1961; and

10 WHEREAS, a pivotal Civil Rights Movement organizer and Field
11 Secretary for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
12 (SNCC), Robert directed its Mississippi project; a driving force
13 behind the 1964 Mississippi Summer Project, he helped organize the
14 Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), which challenged the
15 Mississippi regulars at the 1964 Democratic Convention; from 1969
16 to 1975 he worked for the Ministry of Education in Tanzania, where
17 he was chairperson of the math department at the Samé School; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1976, Mr. Moses returned to Harvard, pursuing
19 doctoral studies in philosophy; a MacArthur Fellow from 1982-1987,
20 Robert used his fellowship to work full time teaching algebra to
21 7th and 8th graders, volunteering at the M.L. King Elementary
22 School in Cambridge; during that period, Mr. Moses developed the
23 concept for The Algebra Project, which has been the main focus of
24 his work for the last thirteen years; author of The Algebra
25 Project's *Transition Curriculum-Book I*, Robert continues to
26 develop curriculum, and is one of the project's principal

27 trainers; and

28 WHEREAS, we proudly recognize the career and achievements of
29 this individual who has influenced so many lives in the State of
30 Mississippi:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
33 commend the career of Mr. Robert P. Moses, pivotal Civil Rights
34 Movement organizer and developer of The Algebra Project, and wish
35 him continued success in his future endeavors.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
37 furnished to Robert Moses and to members of the Capitol Press
38 Corps.