

By: Senator(s) Horhn, Frazier, Gordon,  
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING BROTHER PAUL L. GRIFFIN, JR., 32ND  
2 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, FOR HIS  
3 CIVIC AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND WELCOMING HIM TO  
4 MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., is one of nine  
6 predominately African-American Greek-lettered organizations in the  
7 United States. It was founded in 1914 at Howard University as a  
8 Greek Fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of  
9 brotherhood, scholarship and service. Phi Beta Sigma is an  
10 organization designed to deliver services to the general  
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, Brother Paul L. Griffin, Jr., is the 32nd  
13 International President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and will be  
14 the honored guest at Founders Day Ceremonies at Jackson State  
15 University; and

16 WHEREAS, Brother Paul Griffin, Jr., a native of New Orleans,  
17 Louisiana, lives in Desoto, Texas, a suburb of Dallas, Texas, with  
18 his wife Belinda and younger daughter Shannon. His older daughter  
19 Ashley is in her sophomore year at his Alma Mater, Texas Southern  
20 University, Houston, Texas, where he obtained his Bachelors and  
21 Masters Degrees in 1979 and 1983, respectively, and became a  
22 member of Phi Beta Sigma through Beta Delta Chapter in 1975; and

23 WHEREAS, professionally, Paul serves as Vice President,  
24 Director of Urban Initiatives for the School Division of Houghton  
25 Mifflin Company, an international publisher of textbooks,  
26 assessments, instructional technology and other educational  
27 materials pre-kindergarten through college based in Boston,  
28 Massachusetts. Paul has been employed with the company for ten

29 years and has national responsibility to help develop and  
30 implement successful strategies to market and sell the company's  
31 products to large urban school districts located in major cities  
32 across the country; and

33 WHEREAS, in the fraternity, Paul is a Gold Life Member of Phi  
34 Beta Sigma and a Platinum Life Member of the Gulf Coast Region and  
35 has served the fraternity in office at the local, regional and  
36 national levels. Locally, he is a member of Iota Mu Sigma  
37 Chapter, based in Arlington, Texas. He has served as President of  
38 Omicron Sigma Chapter in Dallas, Texas. On the regional level, he  
39 has served as an elected officer for 12 consecutive years, and is  
40 the 8th Gulf Coast Regional Director. Nationally, he served as an  
41 appointed officer at the pleasure of three International  
42 Presidents. Paul's first internationally elected position was the  
43 office of International President which is an historic event; and

44 WHEREAS, Paul has been generous with his time outside of the  
45 fraternity as well. He has served on the board of directors of  
46 community service organizations such as the Sickle Cell Anemia  
47 Foundation of Houston, Neighborhood Centers, Inc., Acres Home  
48 Community Development Corporation, S.H.A.P.E. Community Center and  
49 the Advisory Board of the Riverside Health Center. He is a member  
50 of the Bethesda Lodge #168, Prince Hall affiliate. Brother  
51 Griffin is an honored professional in the Nationwide Register's  
52 Who's Who in Executives and Businesses (2001-2002) and has been  
53 listed as a member in Who's Who in Executives and Professionals  
54 (2006-2007); and

55 WHEREAS, Brother Paul Griffin represents Phi Beta Sigma's  
56 Culture for Service and Service for Humanity, and has been an  
57 inspiration in fundraising efforts and drives conducted to gather  
58 clothing and supplies to donate to victims of Hurricane Katrina  
59 for our neighbors on the Mississippi Gulf Coast:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
61 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Brother Paul L. Griffin,

62 Jr., 32nd International President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity,  
63 for his civic and charitable contributions on behalf of the  
64 fraternity, and we welcome him to Mississippi on the occasion of  
65 Founders Day activities on January 28, 2006.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
67 Paul Griffin and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.