

By: Senator(s) Thomas

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS OF NOTED  
2 MISSISSIPPI AUTHOR, CLIFTON L. TAULBERT, AND WELCOMING HIM TO OUR  
3 STATE AS PART OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS.

4 WHEREAS, noted Mississippi author, Clifton L. Taulbert, is  
5 featured at the Black History Month event "A Taste of Culture-Our  
6 Yazoo Legacy" in Yazoo City, Mississippi, on Saturday, February  
7 18, 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, Clifton L. Taulbert is the President and Founder of  
9 the Building Community Institute located in Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
10 Taulbert is a recognized thought leader on "Community Building"  
11 and delivers his concepts to corporate and academic audiences  
12 worldwide. Taulbert was among those chosen by CNN to represent  
13 "Community" at the turn of the millennium. His important  
14 conversation on building community is outlined in the  
15 award-winning book, "*Eight Habits of the Heart*," which in 1977 was  
16 named by *USA TODAY* as their year-end choice of books to enrich our  
17 minds and lives. As a result of a lecture on "Community" in  
18 Natchez, Mississippi, Taulbert was personally invited by Associate  
19 Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor, to address members of  
20 the court; and

21 WHEREAS, Taulbert was born in the Mississippi Delta, educated  
22 in the secondary school system and draws heavily from his  
23 childhood for the books he writes and the lectures he gives from  
24 Harvard University, to Yale, to Princeton, to the University  
25 Nationale in San Jose, Costa Rico and to Langston University of  
26 Oklahoma, his adopted state; and

27           WHEREAS, Taulbert has authored eight additional books, which  
28 include the international bestseller, "*Once Upon a Time when we*  
29 *were Colored*" and the Pulitzer nominated "*The Last Train North.*"  
30 His picture book, "*Little Cliff and the Porch People,*" was  
31 recently chosen by Target and the Miami International Book  
32 Festival Group as their choice of book for their program: *One*  
33 *Book, One Community.* And soon to be released in February of 2006  
34 will be his latest book, "*Eight Habits of the Heart for*  
35 *Educators*"; and

36           WHEREAS, he serves on the National Board of Character  
37 Education Partnership and as a Trustee for the University of Tulsa  
38 and on the Board of Visitors for Claremont Graduate School.  
39 Taulbert formerly served on the Board of Advisors for Bank One.  
40 He lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with his wife, Barbara Jackson  
41 Taulbert; and

42           WHEREAS, Clifton Taulbert's voice has been declared "a  
43 national treasure," and it is with great pride that we recognize  
44 this author and humanitarian who has brought pride to his home  
45 community and state:

46           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
47 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the humanitarian efforts of  
48 noted Mississippi author, Clifton L. Taulbert, and welcome him and  
49 his family to our state on the occasion of Black History Month  
50 activities in Yazoo City on Saturday, February 18, 2006.

51           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
52 Clifton Taulbert and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.