

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



The Lieutenant Governor of the State of Mississippi and Senator John Horhn

RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE UNIQUE MISSION OF THE GODPARENTS YOUTH ORGANIZATION FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR URBAN YOUTH MENTORING TOUR STOP IN JACKSON, MS, ON JUNE 25, 2007.

WHEREAS, GodParents Youth Organization (GYO) was formed in 2005 by a small group of Los Angeles Unified School Bus Drivers under the leadership of Tanya Walters who realized that they are the initial point of contact for these sometimes troubled urban youth who board their buses early each morning; and

WHEREAS, they have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of urban youth who see little more than the troubled area in which they live. GodParents Youth Organization takes urban students on cross-country trips to expose them to a world they would otherwise never see or know. It gives hope where there was once hopelessness in the lives of these children; and

WHEREAS, the GodParents Youth Organization "Colleges, Chronology and Colonies" tour for the development of young people reached Mississippi's Capitol City on June 25, 2007, and appropriate ceremonies were held at Freedom Corner, where Martin Luther King Boulevard and Medgar Evers Boulevard intersect, the first intersection of streets named for two slain civil rights workers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the GodParents Youth Organization includes: Mentoring as a time-proven strategy that can help young people of all circumstances achieve to their potential; travel as a means to open the children's eyes to a world of possibilities and guiding them to work on skills, education and community involvement as the necessary building blocks to a fulfilling adult life; and exposure to various colleges and universities to promote the notion that higher education is within their reach and should be pursued. These mentors give selflessly of their vacation time to provide travel opportunities for students during school breaks; and

WHEREAS, the GodParents Youth Organization is being nationally recognized for the unique opportunities it provides youth from these traveling experiences. It gives them new visions and hope for their lives; and it is with pride that we recognize this partnership which provides positive activities and hope for the inner-city youth of our state and nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND SENATOR JOHN HORHN, on behalf of the Mississippi Senate, do hereby recognize and commend the unique mission of the GodParents Organization (GYO) from Los Angeles, California, on the occasion of their urban youth mentoring tour stop in Jackson, Mississippi, on June 25, 2007, and extend to them the greeting of the Mississippi Senate.

Signed this 25th day of June, 2007.


Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck




Senator John Horhn, District 28