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WASHINGTON, D. C. -- The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party today announced that seven California Democratic Congressmen had endorsed the resolution passed by their State Central Committee.

The seven, in a statement attached to the resolution, said that, "We, the undersigned California Congressmen, do fully support this resolution". The resolution, which was passed June 27th by acclamation, requests, "the California delegation at the forthcoming National Convention to take all appropriate action to seat the delegates from the Freedom Democratic Party of Mississippi."

The Congressmen who signed the resolution included, James Roosevelt, James C. Corman, Edward R. Roybal, George E. Brown, Jr., Don Edwards, Phillip Burton, and Augustus Hawkins. Congressmen Edwards, Burton, and Hawkins had made a fact finding trip to Mississippi earlier this summer. The seven Congressmen joined California Gov. Edmund Brown in endorsing the action of the State Central Committee. Gov. Brown on learning of the Committee's action, said he could not think of any resolution he could agree with more wholeheartedly. He said the Mississippi delegation was so far out of tune with Party principles that it should not be allowed near the National Convention Hall.

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CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION ON MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Passed by the Executive Committee of the Democratic State Central Committee meeting at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel on June 27, 1964. It was passed by acclamation.

WHEREAS: the traditional Democratic Party of Mississippi is undemocratically constituted in that it discriminates against large numbers of citizens; and

WHEREAS: the traditional Democratic Party of Mississippi does not support the platform and policies of the National Democratic Party and often asserts that it is not part of the National Democratic Party; and,

WHEREAS: a Freedom Democratic Party is being established in the State of Mississippi which is open to all citizens regardless of race and which will support the national platform and candidates; and,

WHEREAS: the Freedom Democratic Party plans to seek to be seated in place of the delegation from the traditional Democratic Party of Mississippi at the 1964 Democratic National Convention; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that this Convention requests the California delegation at the forthcoming National Convention to take all appropriate action to seat the delegates from the Freedom Democratic Party of Mississippi, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that this same policy applies to other states in which challenges by similar representative and loyal groups of Democrats may develop, and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution be sent to Chairman John Bailey, members of the Democratic National Committee, and the State Chairman.

We, the undersigned California Congressmen, do fully support this resolution as passed by the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee of California.

Honorable Don Edwards
Ninth District

Honorable Phillip Burton
Fifth District

Honorable Augustus Hawkins
Twenty-first District

Honorable James C. Corman
Twenty-second District

Honorable George E. Brown, Jr.
Twenty-ninth District

Honorable Edward R. Roybal
Thirtieth District

Honorable James Roosevelt
Twenty-sixth District