Woman Seeks SC House Seat

A Black woman who hopes to be the first from the South to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives has launched her campaign in the First Congressional District of South Carolina.

Victoria DeLee, who is 45, and leader in the school desegregation fight in Dorchester County, is running for the seat held by the late Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, and is seeking financial support to strengthen her chances in the April 27 election to fill the vacated congressional seat.

Her opponents are James Edwards, a local dentist, and Mendel Davis, godson and aide of the late Rep. Rivers, who for 30 years represented a powerful force in the House as chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Mrs. DeLee, candidate of the United Citizens Party, will be introduced here by the New York Committee for her election at a fund raising cocktail party on Sunday, March 28, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Boomers Restaurant, 340 Bleeker St., between W. 10th and Christopher Sts.

Members of the committee include Florynce Kennedy, Carl McCall, Dan Mitchell, Andre Austin Randolph Beacom, Wilmot Fraser, Dorothy Graham, James Harrison, Inez Reid, Carlos Russell, George Smith Gerald Taylor and Robert S. Browne.