

By: Senator(s) Canon, Turner, Ferris,
Cuevas, Lee

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 553

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 SHANNON BLEVINS OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, AND PATRICIA WILLIAMS OF
3 BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AS RECIPIENTS OF THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT
4 OF COMMUNITY AWARD.

5 WHEREAS, Shannon Blevins, 13, of Columbus, Mississippi, and
6 Patricia Williams, 18, of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, have been
7 named Mississippi's top two youth volunteers for 1999 in The
8 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program
9 honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

10 WHEREAS, the awards program, now in its fourth year, is
11 sponsored by The Prudential Insurance Company of America in
12 partnership with The National Association of Secondary School
13 Principals; and

14 WHEREAS, nearly 20,000 high school and middle school students
15 were considered for awards in this year's program; and

16 WHEREAS, Shannon was nominated by New Hope Middle School in
17 Columbus, and Patricia was nominated by Our Lady Academy in Bay
18 St. Louis; and

19 WHEREAS, as State Honorees, they each will receive a
20 \$1,000.00 award, an engraved silver medallion, and an
21 all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in May where they will
22 join the top two honorees from each of the other states for
23 several days of national recognition events, where ten of them
24 will be named America's top youth volunteers for 1999; and

25 WHEREAS, Shannon earned this award by creating and directing
26 the "New Hope Gospel Choir" to enable young students to develop
27 their singing talents and share fellowship; and

28 WHEREAS, Patricia earned this award by initiating a Halloween
29 party for young cancer patients on behalf of her Catholic Youth
30 Organization, of which she is president, joining forces with a CYO
31 from a neighboring parish, soliciting funds for prizes and hosting
32 a car wash to raise money to support the event; and

33 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize The
34 National Association of Secondary School Principals and The
35 Prudential Insurance Company of America who have brought this
36 well-deserved program to Mississippi's finest young people like
37 Shannon and Patricia:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
39 SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we
40 do hereby commend and congratulate Shannon Blevins of Columbus,
41 Mississippi, and Patricia Williams of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi,
42 as recipients of The Prudential Spirit of Community Award,
43 recognizing their outstanding record of volunteer service, peer
44 leadership and community spirit, and extend the best wishes of the
45 Legislature for their continued success.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
47 presented to Shannon and Patricia, be forwarded to the principals
48 of their respective schools and be made available to the Capitol
49 Press Corps.