

By: Senator(s) White (29th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING CENTURY COUNCIL SPOKESMAN BRANDON
2 SILVERIA FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING STUDENTS ABOUT THE
3 DANGERS OF TEEN DRINKING AND DRIVING.

4 WHEREAS, Brandon Silveria, who at 17 was seriously injured in
5 an alcohol-related crash in his native northern California, now
6 tours the country full-time on behalf of the Century Council to
7 educate students about the dangers of teen drinking and driving;
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9 WHEREAS, the Century Council, funded by America's leading
10 distillers, is an organization dedicated to fighting alcohol
11 abuse, focusing on drunk driving and underage drinking problems;
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13 WHEREAS, since becoming spokespersons for the Century
14 Council, Brandon Silveria and his father have addressed more than
15 250,000 parents and students in New York, California, Maine,
16 Oregon, Texas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Michigan, Florida, Georgia,
17 Missouri, Virginia, Massachusetts, Connecticut and the District of
18 Columbia; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to local media coverage in every city
20 Brandon Silveria visits, his story has been featured on the
21 nationally syndicated television programs, "Rescue 911" and
22 "Leeza"; and

23 WHEREAS, during his presentations, Brandon Silveria shares
24 the tragic story of his 1987 alcohol-related accident which left
25 him in a coma for over two-and-one-half months and in
26 rehabilitation for several years; and

27 WHEREAS, his presentations continue to receive standing
28 ovations and pledges to never drink and drive from students across
29 the country; and

30 WHEREAS, on March 18, 1999, Brandon Silveria will tell his
31 story at Hillcrest High Christian School and at the Junior
32 Auxiliary of Byram-Terry's "Parents Town Meeting," and on March
33 19, 1999, he will address over 1,000 students at Terry High
34 School:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Century Council spokesman
37 Brandon Silveria for his contributions in educating students about
38 the dangers of teen drinking and driving.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
40 furnished to Brandon Silveria and made available to the Capitol
41 Press Corps.