

By: Jackson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 502

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING KEMPER
2 ACADEMY FRESHMAN NICHOLE SANDERS FOR BECOMING THE FIRST-EVER
3 MISSISSIPPI WINNER OF THE PRE-TEEN SCHOLARSHIP AND RECOGNITION
4 PROGRAM.

5 WHEREAS, on July 5, 2000, in Knoxville, Tennessee,
6 13-year-old Nichole Sanders put Kemper County on the map,
7 representing the Blackwater Community, and the State of
8 Mississippi at the Pre-Teen Scholarship and Recognition Program
9 along with 226 girls from 36 states; and

10 WHEREAS, the competition is based on volunteer service to
11 church and community, academic achievement, personal development
12 with creative talents, school honors, and activities; these areas
13 are scored prior to the arrival at the week-long competition, and
14 a written knowledgability test, judges interview, creative essay
15 and on-stage review are competed during the competition itself;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, for her talent portion of the competition, Nichole
18 placed third with a lyrical ballet to "Amazing Grace"; and

19 WHEREAS, when all was said and done and all the scores were
20 calculated, Sanders became the first girl from Mississippi to win
21 this prestigious title; and

22 WHEREAS, winning a \$2,000.00 savings bond, medallion and
23 numerous trophies, part of the prize package includes an
24 all-expense travel allowance for Sanders and her mother to travel
25 the United States representing the program at other state
26 programs; as the Mississippi titleholder, Nichole will visit
27 Kentucky, Missouri, Louisiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, New

28 York, Arkansas and Wisconsin; and

29 WHEREAS, Nichole is a ninth grade student at Kemper Academy;
30 she is a dance student at Carol Merill Academy of Dance in
31 Meridian, Mississippi, and a member of Blackwater Baptist Church;
32 her proud parents are Chuck and Donna Sanders of the Blackwater
33 Community, and her grandparents are J.L. and Billie White of
34 DeKalb, and Mickey and Barbara Sanders of Blackwater; and

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
36 accomplishment of this young citizen who has brought honor to her
37 school, her community and to the State of Mississippi:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
40 we do hereby commend and congratulate Kemper Academy freshman
41 Nichole Sanders of the Blackwater Community for becoming the
42 first-ever Mississippi winner of the Pre-Teen Scholarship and
43 Recognition Program, and wish her continued success in her future
44 academic and civic endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
46 presented to Nichole and her parents and be made available to the
47 Capitol Press Corps.