

By: Jackson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7
(As Adopted by Senate)

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 York, Arkansas and Wisconsin; and

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

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

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

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