

By: Senator(s) Little, Dearing, Chaney, Horhn, Frazier, Posey, Canon, White (29th), Browning, Johnson (19th), Thames, Farris, Furniss, Scoper, Harden, Gollott, Kirby, Bryan, Carmichael, Dawkins, Williamson, Smith, Hyde-Smith, Mettetal, Harvey, Michel, White (5th), Tollison

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ASSOCIATED PRESS CAPITOL  
2 CORRESPONDENT GINA HOLLAND FOR HER CAREER IN MISSISSIPPI, AND  
3 CONGRATULATING HER FOR HER PROMOTION TO NATIONAL WRITER IN  
4 WASHINGTON, D.C.

5 WHEREAS, in January, Gina Holland was promoted to National  
6 Writer with the Associated Press, assigned to cover politics in  
7 Washington, D.C.; and

8 WHEREAS, she joined The Associated Press after graduating  
9 with a degree in communication from Mississippi State University  
10 in 1989; two years later she was named statehouse reporter and  
11 covered the Legislature from 1991-2001; her tenure included three  
12 administrations (Governors Ray Mabus, Kirk Fordice and Ronnie  
13 Musgrove), ten legislative sessions, five congressional campaigns  
14 and her first national political convention in 2000 (Democratic  
15 National Convention); and

16 WHEREAS, Gina Lyn Holland was born on September 27, 1967, in  
17 Pascagoula, Mississippi, to a newspaper editor father and  
18 schoolteacher mother, Gary and Ann Holland; she was raised in a  
19 newspaper family, where state politics were often discussed at the  
20 dinner table; she was active in sports, including fast pitch  
21 softball; she started as a sports photographer for The Mississippi  
22 Press in Pascagoula during high school, and served as editor of  
23 the student newspaper at Pascagoula High School and four years  
24 later during her senior year at Mississippi State University; and

25 WHEREAS, she attended Mississippi State University on a  
26 Turner Catledge Journalism Scholarship and in college was selected  
27 to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, multiple



28 honorary societies and Delta Gamma Sorority, and was photography  
29 editor of The Reflector; and

30 WHEREAS, she has been a member of the Investigative Reporters  
31 and Editors Association and, along with colleague Jack Elliot, has  
32 covered most of the state's top stories over the past decade; and

33 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the timely  
34 and unbiased Capitol reporting tenure of this talented young  
35 Mississippian, who has brought honor to her family, her community,  
36 her university 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 Associated Press Capitol  
39 Correspondent Gina Holland for her career in Mississippi, and  
40 congratulate her and extend to her the best wishes of the  
41 Legislature as she is promoted to National Writer in the  
42 Washington, D.C. Bureau.

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

