

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.

