

By: Representatives Clark, Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE HOLMES COUNTY  
2 YOUTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM, "LEADERSHIP FOR LIFE."

3 WHEREAS, "Leadership For Life" is a youth initiative program  
4 developed especially for the youth of Holmes County, Mississippi,  
5 which originated from the works of the Robert Clark 21st Century  
6 Commission's Social Infrastructure Task Force; and

7 WHEREAS, the eight-month program, which began in September  
8 2001, is jointly sponsored by the Mississippi Development  
9 Authority and the Holmes County Delegation of Mississippi State  
10 University Extension Services; and

11 WHEREAS, Leadership For Life is composed of 35, 10th, 11th  
12 and 12th grade students and educators from five area public and  
13 private schools, including: S. V. Marshall High School; Durant  
14 High School; Central Holmes Christian School; J. J. McClain High  
15 School; and William Sullivan High School; and

16 WHEREAS, by participating in the Leadership For Life youth  
17 initiative program, students conceptualize real world situations  
18 in an atmosphere that promotes educational enhancement; and

19 WHEREAS, provided with guidance and counsel by  
20 representatives of the Mississippi Development Authority, staff  
21 personnel of the Mississippi State University Extension Services,  
22 local educators and 4-H volunteers, Leadership For Life offers an  
23 extensive variety of enriching activities for its participating  
24 members; and

25 WHEREAS, Leadership For Life allots one day out of every  
26 month to topics such as team building, communication, diversity  
27 and conflict resolution and through teen forums and similar



28 activities, affords students an opportunity to discuss critical  
29 issues facing teens and to participate in drug awareness programs;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, throughout the program's existence, keynote speakers  
32 have addressed the group, providing valuable insight on different  
33 perspectives of life, education and professionalism; and

34 WHEREAS, Leadership For Life, while invoking a spirit of  
35 cooperation, also generates the essence of independence within the  
36 participants, instilling corporate and business values in their  
37 young minds through avenues such as its entrepreneurial program;  
38 and

39 WHEREAS, on April 10, 2002, Leadership For Life participants,  
40 in the presence of state, local and school officials, family and  
41 friends, will commemorate the program's success with a  
42 commencement banquet during which those involved will be presented  
43 certificates of participation and completion; and

44 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of  
45 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence,  
46 especially when evidenced by the young people of our state, who  
47 are its future:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
50 commend and congratulate the participants of the Holmes County  
51 Youth Initiative Program, Leadership For Life, and further,  
52 commemorate Leadership For Life on its success in bridging the  
53 social gap between youth and society.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
55 furnished to Central Holmes Christian School, Durant High School,  
56 S. V. Marshall High School, J. J. McClain High School, William  
57 Sullivan High School and the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

