

By: Representative Mayo

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING GINA
2 PAMBIANCHI ON HER PARTICIPATION IN *THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE*
3 *EXPEDITION JASON XIV: FROM SHORE TO SEA* AS A "STUDENT ARGONAUT."

4 WHEREAS, Gina Pambianchi, an 8th grade student at Margaret
5 Green Junior High School in Cleveland, Mississippi, was selected
6 from thousands of students to participate in an international
7 science expedition, *JASON XIV: From Shore to Sea* (the JASON
8 Project), in California's Channel Islands from January 27 through
9 February 1, 2003, with renowned oceanographer Dr. Robert Ballard;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, participating as one of twenty-eight "Student
12 Argonauts" in the JASON Project, Miss Pambianchi was a member of
13 an expedition team who worked hand-in-hand with a select group of
14 researchers, teachers and students from around the world; and

15 WHEREAS, Miss Pambianchi, who was nominated by Coahoma
16 Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi, for the expedition,
17 joined the JASON Project, which is an award winning,
18 multidisciplinary educational program recognized for the
19 incorporation of a live expedition, innovative technologies,
20 hands-on science curriculum, and Internet activities for the
21 middle grades; and

22 WHEREAS, Miss Pambianchi experienced a virtual journey on the
23 JASON Project and completed hands-on fieldwork with leading
24 scientists in the unique "laboratory" of the Channel Islands
25 region and studied the islands' interconnected ecosystems from
26 fascinating pinnipeds, such as the elephant seal and California
27 sea lion, to complex and fragile giant kelp forests; and



28 WHEREAS, as a "Student Argonaut," Miss Pambianchi worked with
29 NASA's leading spacecraft engineers using new remote sensing small
30 uninhabited aerial vehicles (UAVs) and accessing data from NASA's
31 new Terra and Aqua satellites to aid in monitoring and managing
32 the level of vitality within the Channel Islands' diverse
33 ecosystems; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of
35 Mississippi to recognize and honor a young individual such as Miss
36 Gina Pambianchi, who participated in the JASON Project where her
37 passion to pursue learning in science, math, and technology
38 through exploration and discovery were realized:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
41 THEREIN, That we commend and congratulate Miss Gina Pambianchi for
42 her participation in *The International Science Expedition JASON*
43 *XIV: From Shore to Sea* as a "Student Argonaut."

