By: Representative Denny

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

- 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND WORKS OF 2 NIKKI QUARLES AND EXPRESSING SYMPATHY UPON HER PASSING.
- WHEREAS, Nikki Quarles, a reading teacher for fifth and sixth
- 4 graders at St. Richard Catholic School, departed this life at the
- 5 age of 26 on January 25, 2003, causing a great loss to her
- 6 students, friends and family; and
- 7 WHEREAS, an enthusiast for reading and literature, Ms.
- 8 Quarles began her quest to share her passion for reading and
- 9 literature by working in the day care at First Baptist Church in
- 10 Ridgeland, Mississippi, during her summer breaks from college; and
- 11 WHEREAS, after working with children during her summer
- 12 breaks, Ms. Quarles graduated from her beloved alma mater,
- 13 Mississippi State University, in 1999; and
- 14 WHEREAS, after graduating from Mississippi State University,
- 15 Nikki Quarles was immediately hired to teach at St. Richard
- 16 Catholic School where she could fulfill her calling from God to
- 17 work in Catholic education; and
- 18 WHEREAS, as a teacher, Ms. Quarles not only taught reading to
- 19 her students, she was also concerned about her students' personal
- 20 lives and made sure that all of her students knew that she loved
- 21 them; and
- 22 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to pay tribute
- 23 to an exemplary young Mississippian, such as Ms. Nikki Quarles,
- 24 who dedicated her life to the betterment of young people through
- 25 instilling a love for reading and showing sincere concern for
- 26 them:

- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
- 28 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
- 29 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and works of Ms. Nikki
- 30 Quarles and express our deepest sympathy to her family.
- 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
- 32 furnished to the family of Nikki Quarles and to the Capitol Press
- 33 Corps.