

By: Senator(s) Gordon, Horhn, Smith, Walden

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HOUSTON
2 VOCATIONAL CENTER "SUNDANCER" SOLAR RACE CAR TEAM FOR ITS SUCCESS
3 AT THE DELL-WINSTON SOLAR CHALLENGE AND FOR BRINGING ATTENTION TO
4 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROGRAMS.

5 WHEREAS, the Houston Vocational Center in Houston,
6 Mississippi, has surprised the nation with two solar-powered car
7 racing championships; and

8 WHEREAS, the Houston "Sundancer" Solar Race Car Team has
9 competed and won the Dell-Winston Solar Challenge, a national
10 competition for alternative energy automobiles, in 2001 and 2002;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the purpose of the privately-sponsored national race
13 and the purpose of the Houston Solar Race Car Team is to encourage
14 student interest in science, engineering and solar technology; and

15 WHEREAS, the Houston Solar Car Team has received an
16 impressive donation from the Mississippi Alternative Energy
17 Enterprise as part of its annual fund-raising activity, which was
18 supported by the attendance of the State Superintendent of
19 Education, Dr. Henry Johnson; and

20 WHEREAS, this project is part of the plan by the Mississippi
21 Alternative Energy Enterprise to promote solar car racing across
22 Mississippi and promote economic development and alternative
23 energy use; and

24 WHEREAS, President George Bush has urged state governments to
25 work on projects to become less dependent on foreign oil, and
26 members of the Legislature have advocated using Mississippi's
27 natural resources to accomplish the goal of energy independence;
28 and



29 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the unique
30 accomplishments of these students whose interest in solar
31 technology has brought honor to their school, their community and
32 to the State of Mississippi:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
34 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
35 Houston Vocational Center "Sundancer" Solar Race Car Team for
36 winning the Dell-Winston Solar Challenge on consecutive years, and
37 for bringing attention to alternative energy resources in
38 Mississippi through this project, and extend to them the best
39 wishes of the Senate for success in future technological projects.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
41 the Houston Solar Race Car Team when their "Sundancer Solar Race
42 Car" is on exhibit at the New Capitol Building on March 20, 2003,
43 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

