

By: Representative Broomfield

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JONATHAN MASON ON ACHIEVING THE HONOR
2 OF THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD.

3 WHEREAS, Jonathan Mason of Moss Point, Mississippi, attained
4 the rank of Eagle Scout on January 31, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, the son of Arthur and Doris Mason and grandson of
6 Mrs. Mary C. Mason, Jonathan is a member of the Boy Scouts of
7 America (BSA) Troop 476 of Moss Point, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, Jonathan has been a Boy Scout participant for
9 approximately nine years, earning the required merit badges to
10 fulfill his duties and obligations of maintaining and promoting
11 the mission and vision of the Boy Scouts of America; and

12 WHEREAS, adhering to the Scout Oath and abiding by the Scout
13 Law, Jonathan was able to acquire this coveted honor by advancing
14 his knowledge, leadership skills, organizational skills, hours of
15 community service, as well as support from the community, peers
16 and family; and

17 WHEREAS, with the assistance of Moss Point District 2
18 Supervisor, Robert Norvell, Jonathan's Eagle Scout project
19 consisted of planning, organizing and working on the
20 beautification of the entrance and exit of Eddie Khayat Park and
21 the restoration of the landscape aesthetics of the Pointe Place
22 subdivision entrance; and

23 WHEREAS, in conjunction with his scout tasks, Jonathan, a
24 senior at Moss Point High School, has excelled and maintained
25 commendable academic standing, as exemplified by the many honors
26 and awards he has received, such as honor roll, the National Honor

27 Society, the Beta Club, the Academic Talent Award and the Math and
28 Chemistry Team; and

29 WHEREAS, Jonathan has aspirations of pursuing a career in
30 pharmacy and has already gained early admission and scholarships
31 to several universities, including: University of Mississippi
32 (Ole Miss), University of Southern Mississippi, Jackson State
33 University, Tougaloo College, Alcorn State University and Xavier
34 University; and

35 WHEREAS, a member of First Baptist Church, where he is a
36 member of the junior choir, drill team and an assistant Sunday
37 School teacher, Jonathan possesses a deep passion for music, and
38 enjoys the leisurely activities of reading, writing poetry and
39 talking with friends; and

40 WHEREAS, Jonathan, by receiving this honor, is making history
41 twice by being one of two recipients from Troop 474, and by being
42 one of two African-American recipients of the Eagle Scout Award in
43 Moss Point, in approximately thirty years; and

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

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
49 commend and congratulate Jonathan Mason on receiving the honor of
50 the Eagle Scout Award and wish to express our heartiest wishes for
51 success in all his future endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to Jonathan Mason and to the members of the Capitol
54 Press Corps.