

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MICHAEL D.
2 KENNEDY ON OBTAINING THE ROYAL RANGERS GOLD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT.

3 WHEREAS, Michael D. Kennedy of Stonewall, Mississippi,
4 recently completed the requirements for the Royal Rangers Gold
5 Medal of Achievement, the highest award obtainable in the Royal
6 Rangers program; and

7 WHEREAS, Royal Rangers is a ministry that reaches across the
8 United States and over 65 nations around the world, motivating
9 young boys' spirituality through Bible study and memorization,
10 devotionals, outdoor and camping activities and Christian role
11 models; and

12 WHEREAS, the mission of the Royal Rangers is to reach, teach,
13 and keep the boys for Christianity, by fulfilling its ministerial
14 purpose to evangelize in order to promote spiritual, physical,
15 mental and social growth in boys; and

16 WHEREAS, Michael has ascended to great heights throughout his
17 years of Royal Rangers' involvement, obtaining many stripes, pins
18 and ratings while serving in the various categories of tenure in
19 the Royal Rangers, which are Rainbow, Straight Arrow, Buckaroo,
20 Pioneer and Trailblazer; and

21 WHEREAS, since 2001, Michael has been named Outpost
22 Trailblazer Ranger of the Year for three consecutive years,
23 Sectional Trailblazer Ranger of the Year for 2002 and 2003, in
24 addition to being named District and Regional Trailblazer Ranger
25 of the Year for 2003; and

26 WHEREAS, Michael has occupied positions of leadership and has
27 attended and completed additional leadership training, including:

28 serving the Royal Rangers as patrol guide and assistant patrol
29 guide throughout 2001; graduating from Junior Leadership Training
30 Camp in 2002; and graduating from Advanced Junior Leadership
31 Training Camp in 2003; and

32 WHEREAS, possessing an astounding collection of some 35
33 merits and awards, 16 of which are required, Michael yet remains
34 vivacious in his academic and extracurricular activities, having
35 received the 2002 Fine Arts Mime and Drama Award with an
36 invitation to a national competition, 2002 honor roll, first
37 places in the high school chess tournament, Quitman Country Club
38 golf tournament and Faith Assembly of God Church's archery
39 tournament, team first place in Dixie Youth Baseball in Quitman
40 for 2002, completion of the Basic Storm Spotters Training Course
41 and the 2003 Social Studies award; and

42 WHEREAS, having completed the necessary requirements for the
43 honor of Gold Medal Achievement in November 2003, Michael, in
44 addition to actually receiving the Gold Medal Achievement Award,
45 will also become a member of the Gold Medal Achievement
46 Association. Michael will be commissioned as a Junior Commander
47 with the honor of receiving Junior Commander bars and will be
48 awarded the Gold Buffalo Award; and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
50 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the youth of
51 our state, who are its future:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
54 commend and congratulate Michael D. Kennedy on fulfilling the
55 necessary requirements of the Royal Rangers to obtain the Gold
56 Medal Achievement and express our heartiest wishes for success in
57 all his future endeavors.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
59 furnished to Michael D. Kennedy and to the members of the Capitol
60 Press Corps.