

By: Representatives Moss, McCoy, Pierce,
Cummings

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 52

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING AMY BURKS UPON
2 BEING SELECTED AS A RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR
3 EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING.

4 WHEREAS, Amy Burks, an instructor of science at Corinth High
5 School, was recently named one of 95 individuals in the nation,
6 and one of two individuals in Mississippi to receive a
7 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science
8 Teaching, the highest commendation in their profession; and

9 WHEREAS, described as one who goes above and beyond the call
10 of duty in being a regular classroom teacher, Mrs. Burks was
11 recommended for the award by a colleague; and

12 WHEREAS, educated in the public school system of Walnut,
13 Mississippi, Mrs. Burks, upon graduation, enrolled at Blue
14 Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Mississippi, where she earned a
15 bachelor of science degree in natural science; and

16 WHEREAS, in furtherance of her quest for knowledge in the
17 area of science, Mrs. Burks furthered her education by attending
18 Hill Junior College in Hillsboro, Texas, where she acquired her
19 Texas licensure in teaching, Delta State University in Cleveland,
20 Mississippi, where she obtained a master of natural sciences
21 degree, in addition to engaging in advanced graduate studies in
22 physics at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus,
23 Mississippi, and advanced graduate studies in physics and
24 chemistry at Mississippi State University in Starkville,
25 Mississippi; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Burks began teaching in 1984 at Cleburne High
27 School in Cleburne, Texas, and since has taught in Tennessee and

28 various parts of Mississippi on the secondary and collegiate
29 levels; and

30 WHEREAS, currently employed by Corinth High School where she
31 has taught chemistry and physics since 2000, Mrs. Burks'
32 professional services include Science Fair Coordinator; Tech Prep
33 Regional Meeting Leader; SACS Committee Chair; Chemistry/Physics
34 Team Coach; Mississippi Science Teachers Association Convention
35 Delegate and Science Department Chair; and

36 WHEREAS, having undergone several programs of professional
37 development, including Test Item Writer Training, National Board
38 for Professional Teaching Standards certification, Advance
39 Placement Teacher Institutes, GLOBE Training, Tech Prep Training
40 and Best Practice Workshop, Mrs. Burks has acquired the requisite
41 skill and knowledge befitting this national honor; and

42 WHEREAS, chosen by a panel of renowned mathematicians,
43 scientists and educators in coordination with the White House
44 staff, recipients of the Presidential Award will also receive a
45 \$10,000 cash award; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
47 recognize and commend excellence in such outstanding educators as
48 Mrs. Burks, whose commitment to educating future doctors, lawyers,
49 business men and women, teachers and political leaders has brought
50 great honor, pride and national recognition to herself, Corinth
51 High School and the State of Mississippi:

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 Mrs. Amy Burks upon her selection as a
55 recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics
56 and Science Teaching and extend our heartiest wishes for success
57 in all her future endeavors.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
59 furnished to Mrs. Burks, Corinth High School and to the members of
60 the Capitol Press Corps.