By: Representative Montgomery

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 84

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING SUSAN NYCOLE LONG ON HER RECENT
SELECTION AS A WINNER OF THE MUTUAL OF OMAHA ESSAY CONTEST.
WHEREAS, Susan Nycole Long, a fifth grade honor student
attending South Pontotoc Elementary School, was recently chosen as
the overall state winner in the Mutual of Omaha Essay Contest held
in November 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, the daughter of Dennis and Jeanie Long, sister of 8 Stephanie and Kody, and granddaughter of Julius and Wilma Stahl of 9 Pontotoc, Mississippi, Emmer Jean Long of Troy, Mississippi, and 10 the late Ruble Long, Susan, who enjoys reading and being with 11 friends, was also one of 13 state winners in the "Conserving 12 Energy" art contest in November 2003; and

WHEREAS, seeking to tap in on the natural creativity of 13 today's youth as a means of proving that kids can make a 14 15 difference in efforts of preserving our natural world, Mutual of Omaha encouraged kids ages nine through twelve to write a one-page 16 essay explaining their idea for saving an endangered species; and 17 WHEREAS, Susan's winning essay, "The Barking Squirrel," which 18 expounds on a means of preserving the Black-tailed Prairie Dogs, 19 was chosen out of countless thousands submitted throughout the 20 state and nation; and 21

22 WHEREAS, as a winning entrant, Susan will be afforded the 23 opportunity to present her conservation ideas to her peers at the 24 Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom Kids' Summit in San Diego, 25 California, on May 5-7, 2004; and

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26 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to 27 recognize and commend excellence in the youth of our state, who 28 are its future:

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF 30 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby 31 commend and congratulate Susan Nycole Long on her recent selection 32 as the overall state winner in the Mutual of Omaha Essay Contest 33 and extend our heartiest wishes for success in all her future 34 endeavors.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be 36 furnished to Susan Nycole Long and to the members of the Capitol 37 Press Corps.