

By: Senator(s) Gordon, Frazier

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

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 FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS AND
4 FOR BRINGING ATTENTION TO 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, 2002 and
11 2003; 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 Race Team has won the
16 Dell-Winston National Solar Car Challenge for the past three
17 years. They were the first Mississippi high school team to
18 compete in an International Competition held in Australia in
19 October 2003. They overcame a huge challenge in the Outback of
20 Australia by completing the race as one of the few high school
21 teams competing with college teams from around the world. They
22 currently are preparing to compete again in the Dell-Winston
23 nine-day race from Texas to Florida this year and are excited
24 about having Biloxi High School Team join them in this summer's
25 national race; and

26 WHEREAS, they have been busy helping Mississippi Alternative
27 Energy Enterprise promote solar car racing in Mississippi high

28 schools which will help promote economic development and
29 alternative energy use; and

30 WHEREAS, President George Bush has urged state governments to
31 work on projects to become less dependent on foreign oil, and
32 members of the Legislature have advocated using Mississippi's
33 natural resources to accomplish the goal of energy independence;
34 and

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

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

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
47 the Houston Solar Race Car Team and their sponsors, and be made
48 available to the Capitol Press Corps.