

By: Representatives Fredericks, Bentz,
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JARVIS MCINNIS UPON BEING NAMED
2 MISSISSIPPI'S 2005 YOUTH OF THE YEAR BY THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS
3 OF AMERICA.

4 WHEREAS, Jarvis McInnis, the seventeen-year-old son of Harry
5 and Pamela McInnis and nine-year member of the Forest Heights Unit
6 of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast was chosen as
7 Mississippi's 2005 Youth of the Year to represent the state in the
8 Southeast Region competition in June; and

9 WHEREAS, instrumental at his club, Jarvis participates in the
10 choir, Keystone Club, community projects and spends time mentoring
11 and tutoring other members in addition to being actively involved
12 in the community with activities including the TITANS, the March
13 of Dimes Leadership Council, Toys for Tots and WHY (Workers
14 Helping Youth); and

15 WHEREAS, now in his senior year at Harrison Central High
16 School, Jarvis is the model student, having been selected
17 president of the student body, maintaining a 4.12 GPA and taking
18 active roles in the school's Club of Performing Arts, Key Club,
19 Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of
20 America and the Spanish Honor Society; and

21 WHEREAS, having recently participated in the Mississippi
22 Boys' State Program and selected as one of two senators to attend
23 the Boys' Nation Program in Washington, D.C., Jarvis aspires to
24 obtain his goal of pursuing a degree in political science and
25 eventually earn a law degree; and

26 WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's "Youth of the
27 Year" recognition program promotes and celebrates club members'

28 service to the club, community and family, academic performance,
29 spiritual values, life goals, poise and public speaking ability;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, a member of the Mercy Seat Missionary Baptist Church
32 where he is involved in the youth department and youth choir,
33 Jarvis' story is a remarkable one, having struggled with a speech
34 impediment as a child, the support needed found at the Boys and
35 Girls Club fostered a growth of confidence and self-esteem that
36 allowed him to realize his full potential, which he now shares as
37 a role model; and

38 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we acknowledge the
39 accomplishments of such outstanding youth as Jarvis, who overcame
40 his own life's obstacle to give back to the community through his
41 leadership, guidance and discipline, evidencing greatness in the
42 future of this state through its youth:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
45 commend and congratulate Jarvis McInnis upon his selection as
46 Mississippi's 2005 Youth of the Year and extend our best wishes
47 for success in all his future endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
49 furnished to Jarvis McInnis, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf
50 Coast-Forest Heights Unit and to the members of the Capitol Press
51 Corps.