

By: Representatives Montgomery, Zuber

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING NORTH PONTOTOC HIGH SCHOOL UPON BEING  
2 NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
3 EDUCATION.

4 WHEREAS, now in an elite group of slightly more than 250  
5 schools nationwide, North Pontotoc High School was named a Blue  
6 Ribbon School last September by the United States Department of  
7 Education; and

8 WHEREAS, with well over 100,000 public and private schools in  
9 the country, fewer than 300 can claim to be Blue Ribbon Schools,  
10 representing less than half a percent of the nation's schools  
11 receiving this grand honor; and

12 WHEREAS, since 1982, the Department of Education has named  
13 Blue Ribbon Schools to recognize excellence, awarding schools Blue  
14 Ribbons because they exemplify the great promise of No Child Left  
15 Behind; and

16 WHEREAS, the quantitative criteria employed in selecting  
17 schools for Blue Ribbon status consist of three elements: schools  
18 with a high percentage of disadvantaged students that are making  
19 dramatic improvements on state assessments, schools whose students  
20 score in the top 10 percent on state tests, and private schools  
21 that perform in the top 10 percent of schools nationally; and

22 WHEREAS, because of the commitment and dedication of the  
23 administrators and teachers coupled with the drive, ambition and  
24 perseverance of the students, North Pontotoc High School has set  
25 the benchmark of excellence in education by receiving such a  
26 widely acclaimed honor; and

27           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the House of  
28 Representatives of the State of Mississippi recognizes such  
29 remarkable accomplishments of our state's schools, administrators,  
30 teachers and students:

31           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
33 commend North Pontotoc High School upon being selected as a Blue  
34 Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

35           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
36 furnished to North Pontotoc High School and to the members of the  
37 Capitol Press Corps.