

By: Senator(s) Dawkins, Gollott

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JARVIS MCINNIS OF
2 GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS 2005 YOUTH OF THE
3 YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, Jarvis McInnis of Gulfport, Mississippi, has been
5 chosen as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mississippi Youth of the Year
6 for 2005, and will represent the state in the Southeast Regional
7 competition; and

8 WHEREAS, the 17-year-old son of Harry and Pamela McInnis,
9 Jarvis has been a member of the Forest Heights Unit of the Boys &
10 Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast for nine years. Jarvis holds his
11 family close and makes every effort to be there for them,
12 physically, emotionally and spiritually. He is a member of the
13 Mercy Seat Missionary Baptist Church, where he is involved in the
14 Youth Department and Youth Choir; and

15 WHEREAS, at his Club, Jarvis is instrumental in the choir,
16 Keystone Club, and community projects. He spends time at the Club
17 mentoring and tutoring other members and strongly believes that
18 serving others is the key to great things. In the community,
19 Jarvis is involved in TITANS, the March of Dimes Youth Leadership
20 Council, Toys for Tots and WHY (Workers Helping Youth); and

21 WHEREAS, in his Senior year at Harrison Central High School,
22 Jarvis has already been selected President of the Student Body.
23 He is an active member of the Club of Performing Arts, Key Club,
24 Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of
25 America and the Spanish Honor Society, while maintaining a 4.12
26 GPA. He recently participated in the Mississippi Boys' State
27 Program and was selected as one of two Senators to attend the Boys

28 Nation Program in Washington, D.C. His goal is to pursue a degree
29 in Political Science and eventually earn a law degree. Jarvis has
30 a remarkable story. As a child, he struggled with a speech
31 impediment. Fortunately, Jarvis found much-needed support at his
32 Boys & Girls Club. As his confidence grew, so did his self-esteem
33 and he became a role model, teaching younger members the
34 importance of tolerance; and

35 WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's "Youth of the
36 Year" recognition program promotes and celebrates club members'
37 service to club, community and family; academic performance;
38 spiritual values; life goals; and poise and public speaking
39 ability. Local Clubs recognize Youths of the Month and select a
40 Youth of the Year, who then participates in state competition and
41 receives a \$1,500.00 scholarship. State winners participate in
42 regional competition. Five regional winners each receive a
43 \$5,000.00 scholarship and compete on the national level. The
44 National Youth of the Year receives an additional \$10,000.00
45 scholarship and is installed by the President of the United
46 States. The Youth of the Year Program, in existence for more than
47 50 years, is sponsored by the Readers Digest Association; and

48 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the
49 accomplishments of this young Mississippian, who is becoming a
50 contributing citizen to our state and brings honor to his
51 community:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, That we do commend and congratulate Jarvis McInnis of
54 Gulfport, Mississippi, the Boys & Girls Clubs 2005 Youth of the
55 Year, and extend to him and his family the best wishes of the
56 Senate on his future academic and civic endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 Jarvis McInnis and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.