

By: Senator(s) White

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING STACY GILL OF  
2 MADISON, MISSISSIPPI, UPON BEING SELECTED AS A RECIPIENT OF THE  
3 PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL "STARS OF LIFE" AWARD FOR 2005-2006 BY  
4 AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE AND THE AMERICAN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

5 WHEREAS, American Medical Response (AMR), the nation's  
6 largest ambulance service, and the American Ambulance Association  
7 have named Paramedic Stacy Gill of Madison (Gluckstadt),  
8 Mississippi, to the national "Stars of Life" Awards Program for  
9 2005-2006, for his work during the April 6, 2004, derailment of  
10 Amtrak's City of New Orleans in the Big Black River swamp in Yazoo  
11 County; and

12 WHEREAS, "Star of Life" is an honorary title that the  
13 American Ambulance Association bestows on about 100 outstanding  
14 emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics across the  
15 United States each year. The selection is the nation's most  
16 prestigious award for frontline ambulance personnel; and

17 WHEREAS, Stacy Gill will visit Washington, D.C., from May  
18 1-4, 2005, to attend recognition ceremonies by the American  
19 Ambulance Association and AMR. He will also meet with several  
20 members of Congress and tour the nation's capital; and

21 WHEREAS, the 900 ambulance services that belong to the  
22 American Ambulance Association employ hundreds of thousands of  
23 EMTs and paramedics. So, as one of only 100 Stars of Life  
24 nationwide this year, Stacy is in an elite group; and

25 WHEREAS, based near Washington, D.C., the American Ambulance  
26 Association is the trade association for the medical  
27 transportation industry. A committee of AMR managers from the  
28 34-state company chose Stacy for the award. He was nominated by

29 his fellow AMR ambulance workers. Criteria requires the  
30 nominations of ambulance personnel who "personify the best of the  
31 profession"; and

32 WHEREAS, Gill works with AMR Central Mississippi, which is  
33 based in Jackson and serves all of Hinds, Madison and Rankin  
34 Counties. William Bassett, Operations Manager said, "An  
35 outstanding paramedic every day, Stacy is being recognized for  
36 excellent service as the first AMR paramedic to reach the scene of  
37 an Amtrak passenger train derailment in April 2004. The crash  
38 produced 80 patients, the largest mass casualty disaster in  
39 central Mississippi in many years. He provided vital initial  
40 information from the scene that helped organize the overall  
41 response and played a major role in the rescue throughout the  
42 night." Stacy Gill's father, Jimmy, was a national Star of Life  
43 in 2000. This is the first time two generations of the same  
44 family have won the award; and

45 WHEREAS, AMR will send 41 Stars of Life to Washington this  
46 year. In Mississippi, the company employs approximately 500  
47 personnel in Adams, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Madison and Rankin  
48 Counties. AMR plans to introduce the Stars of Life at meetings of  
49 city councils and county commissions during National EMS Week in  
50 mid-May. AMR will also recognize each Star at ceremonies at the  
51 company's offices in Jackson and Gulfport. AMR is Mississippi's  
52 busiest ambulance service. In fiscal year 2003, AMR transported  
53 nearly one of every four ambulance patients statewide. More than  
54 18,000 AMR paramedics, EMTs and other professionals transport over  
55 four million patients each year in emergency, critical and  
56 non-emergency situations; and

57 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize this caring and  
58 compassionate professional who has brought honor to his company,  
59 his community and to the State of Mississippi:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
61 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Stacy Gill

62 of Madison, Mississippi, upon being selected as a recipient of the  
63 prestigious national "Stars of Life" Award for 2005-2006 by  
64 American Medical Response (AMR) and the American Ambulance  
65 Association, and extend to him the best wishes of the Senate in  
66 his future endeavors.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
68 Stacy Gill and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.