

By: Senator(s) White, Frazier, To: Rules
Gordon, Morgan

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.