

By: Representative Ward

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2005 PINE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL  
2 FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) TEAMS ON WINNING THE STATE  
3 CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, Pine Grove Future Farmers of America (FFA) students  
5 had an exceptional year in 2005 by winning eight state  
6 championships over the course of two state events; and

7 WHEREAS, Pine Grove High School, home to an outstanding  
8 chapter of the FFA, was well represented by 26 teams at the 2005  
9 State Contest, where 24 of the 26 competing teams faired  
10 exceptionally well, placing in the top three at the state level  
11 and bringing great honor to Pine Grove High School; and

12 WHEREAS, the Junior Horse Evaluation Team comprised of Emily  
13 Bates, Amber Bryant, April Stroupe and Ethan Dains completed a  
14 written exam and judged five classes during the competition to  
15 clinch the state title; and

16 WHEREAS, the Junior Dairy Foods Team comprised of Laura  
17 Burcham, Rachel Luna, Heather Bridges and Chelsea Moore completed  
18 the same categories as the senior team to take the State  
19 Championship their first time out; and

20 WHEREAS, the dairy judging contest, which is comprised of  
21 evaluation, linear evaluation, pedigree selection and herd  
22 evaluation, was taken by the junior team comprised of Logan Dixon,  
23 Michael Pannell, Chris Medlin and Nikki Tuberville completed all  
24 of these categories to take the State Championship; and

25 WHEREAS, the Senior Tool ID Team comprised of Heather  
26 Loveless, Janet Self, Cory Mauney and Kevin Ralph earned the right  
27 to compete at the state level by qualifying through the federation

28 and district contests and in state competition the team correctly  
29 identified more than 60 tools to secure the first Tool ID State  
30 Championship in Pine Grove history by posting perfect scores  
31 throughout the event; and

32 WHEREAS, the Senior Livestock Judging Team comprised of  
33 Nicole Gibens, Audra Jones, Anna Palmer and Ashley Wilkerson  
34 judged five placing classes, graded a class of slaughter cattle, a  
35 class of feeder cattle, took a written exam and gave two sets of  
36 oral reasons to win the State Championship in the most hotly  
37 contested competition in the FFA, edging out 17 other teams; and

38 WHEREAS, the Agriculture Communications Team comprised of  
39 Heather Loveless, Janet Self, Ashley Harmon and Haley Hurt  
40 completed a written proposal, made a presentation to a group of  
41 judges in a mock sales meeting and the team also completed a  
42 written exam and four individual practicums to take top honors and  
43 advance to the national level; and

44 WHEREAS, the Agriculture Issues Team comprised of April  
45 Lovell, Ben Adams, Lindsay Whitaker, Wesley Mauney and Megan Jones  
46 completed research and a scrapbook of activities before presenting  
47 a forum on the usage of genetically modified crops; and

48 WHEREAS, the Junior Parliamentary Procedure Team comprised of  
49 Emily Bates, Ben Adams, April Stroupe, Holley Hurt, Cody Hurt and  
50 Michael Winker completed a written exam and performed a skit  
51 demonstrating their abilities in parliamentary procedure to take  
52 top honors; and

53 WHEREAS, the Pine Grove High School FFA Team has been  
54 superbly coached and inspired by faculty advisor John-Grady  
55 Taylor; and

56 WHEREAS, a winning and cooperative spirit and a high degree  
57 of skill and knowledge have been developed by the Pine Grove FFA  
58 Team, and their activities and attitude reflect great credit upon  
59 the individual members and their advisor and bring much honor to  
60 Pine Grove High School; and

61           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
62 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the  
63 youth of our state, who are its future:

64           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
65 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
66 commend and congratulate the Pine Grove High School FFA Team and  
67 their advisor, John-Grady Taylor, for their outstanding  
68 accomplishments in 2005, for winning eight Future Farmers of  
69 America State Championships and for displaying tireless devotion  
70 to their academic endeavors.

71           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
72 furnished to Pine Grove High School, Advisor John-Grady Taylor and  
73 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.