

By: Representatives Smith (59th), Baker (8th), Moore, Rogers (61st), Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 74

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ASHLEY GUNN UPON  
2 RECEIVING A PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD, AND ON HER  
3 OUTSTANDING RECORD OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE, PEER LEADERSHIP AND  
4 COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

5 WHEREAS, Ashley Gunn of Brandon, Mississippi, an  
6 eighteen-year-old senior at Jackson Preparatory School, has  
7 achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by  
8 receiving a 2006 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

9 WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential  
10 Financial in partnership with the National Association of  
11 Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across  
12 America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to  
13 serving their communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Miss Gunn earned this award by dedicating herself in  
15 time and effort to founding a nonprofit organization to buy and  
16 repair abandoned homes, recruit student volunteers to repair and  
17 remodel the structures and offer them to underprivileged families  
18 at below market prices; and

19 WHEREAS, as Chairman of "Students Aiding Indigent Families,"  
20 Ashley has assembled a board of directors, registered with the  
21 IRS, prepared marketing materials and recruited some 200 students  
22 to help with renovations; and

23 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Mississippi, the  
24 strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American  
25 society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young  
26 people like Miss Gunn, who use their considerable talents and  
27 resources to serve others; and

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

31           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
33 commend and congratulate Ashley Gunn upon receiving a Prudential  
34 Spirit of Community Award, on her outstanding record of volunteer  
35 service, peer leadership and community spirit, and extend best  
36 wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors.

37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
38 furnished to Ashley Gunn and to the members of the Capitol Press  
39 Corps.