

By: Representatives Ellis, Chism, Smith  
(39th)

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MADHAVI GAVINI OF  
2 COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, A STUDENT AT THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR  
3 MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE, FOR RECEIVING THE TOP SCHOLARSHIP AWARD  
4 IN THE PRESTIGIOUS SIEMENS COMPETITION IN MATH, SCIENCE AND  
5 TECHNOLOGY.

6 WHEREAS, the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and  
7 Technology is the nation's premier science research program for  
8 high school students, which provides more than \$1 Million in  
9 scholarships and awards to our nation's brightest and best young  
10 scholars; and

11 WHEREAS, this year the individual \$50,000.00 scholarship  
12 winner, out of a pool of 1,660 student competitors, was Madhavi  
13 Gavini of Columbus, Mississippi, a student at the Mississippi  
14 School for Mathematics and Science; and

15 WHEREAS, established in 1998, the Siemens Foundation, a  
16 national leader in math and science education, providing nearly \$2  
17 Million in scholarships and awards annually, launched the Siemens  
18 Competition in Math, Science and Technology in an effort to  
19 recognize America's best and brightest math and science students;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, entries are judged at the regional level by esteemed  
22 scientists at six leading research universities which host the  
23 regional competitions: Carnegie Mellon University (Middle  
24 States), University of Notre Dame (Midwest), Stanford University  
25 (West), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (New England),  
26 Georgia Institute of Technology (South) and the University of  
27 Texas at Austin (Southwest); and

28           WHEREAS, based in Iselin, New Jersey, the Foundation's  
29 signature programs--the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and  
30 Technology, the Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement and the  
31 Siemens Teacher Scholarships--recognize exceptional achievement in  
32 science, math and technology; and

33           WHEREAS, through its support of outstanding students today,  
34 and recognition of the teachers and schools that inspire their  
35 excellence, the Foundation helps nurture tomorrow's scientists and  
36 engineers; and

37           WHEREAS, as one of the largest technology employers in the  
38 country, with four locations and over 400 employees in  
39 Mississippi, the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and  
40 Technology shares the view that the weakness of our K-12 math and  
41 science education is the greatest threat to America's long-term  
42 economic future; therefore, the Siemens Competition is an  
43 important initiative that will fuel the pipeline of skilled  
44 workers of the future; and

45           WHEREAS, Madhavi Gavini represents the brightest and best of  
46 Mississippi's high school students who will assist our state and  
47 nation to compete in a global economy, bringing positive  
48 recognition to her school, her community and her state, and we  
49 applaud the business community for recognizing the educational  
50 challenge of student proficiency in math and science by honoring  
51 this young Mississippian; and

52           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
53 recognize and commend academic excellence and achievement,  
54 especially when evidenced by the youth of our state, who are its  
55 future:

56           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
57 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
58 commend and congratulate Madhavi Gavini of Columbus, Mississippi,  
59 a student at the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science,

60 for receiving the top individual scholarship award in the  
61 prestigious Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
63 furnished to Madhavi Gavini and to the members of the Capitol  
64 Press Corps.