

By: Representative Rogers (61st)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 74

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MARK ANDREWS UPON
2 BEING NAMED A "STAR OF LIFE" FOR 2007-2008 BY AMERICAN MEDICAL
3 RESPONSE AND THE AMERICAN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

4 WHEREAS, American Medical Response (AMR), the nation's
5 largest ambulance service, and the American Ambulance Association,
6 have named Emergency Medical Technician Mark Andrews of Pearl,
7 Mississippi, as one of 100 national "Star of Life" award
8 recipients for 2007-2008; and

9 WHEREAS, "Star of Life," described as the most prestigious
10 award for front-line ambulance service professionals, is an
11 honorary title bestowed upon approximately 100 outstanding
12 emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics across the
13 United States by the American Ambulance Association; and

14 WHEREAS, Andrews, 43, was chosen by AMR managers of the
15 36-state company for embodying the best of the ambulance service,
16 due largely in part for working eleven consecutive New Year's
17 holidays on a project that has taken over 2,200 inebriated
18 partygoers home in the metro Jackson area, free of charge; and

19 WHEREAS, as he helps coordinate the project called "Safe Ride
20 Home" each year collaboratively with Mothers Against Drunk Driving
21 (MADD), Andrews helps provide MADD with drivers, passenger vans,
22 cell phones, radios and maps; and

23 WHEREAS, during project "Safe Ride Home," Andrews organizes
24 AMR's drivers, ensuring smooth communications with MADD volunteers
25 at the organization's headquarters in Pearl, providing rides to
26 some 200 individuals each New Year's holiday; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Andrews' efforts as an EMT through his
28 involvement with "Safe Ride Home" have been twofold, not only has
29 the program prevented numerous drunk driving tragedies across
30 Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties, but it has also raised the
31 awareness of the deadly effects of drunk driving; and

32 WHEREAS, to be one of only 100 individuals in a company that
33 employs hundreds of thousands of EMTs and paramedics within 900
34 ambulance services belonging to the American Ambulance
35 Association, this honor places Mr. Andrews in an elite group of
36 individuals; and

37 WHEREAS, Mr. Andrews will be recognized in a ceremony for his
38 commitment and selfless dedication in Washington, D.C., during the
39 week of May 6 through May 10; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
41 recognize and commend the diligence and commitment of such
42 outstanding and remarkable first responders and EMTs as Mr.
43 Andrews, whose selfless service has brought great honor and pride
44 to himself, the AMR team of Pearl and to the State of Mississippi:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
47 commend and congratulate Mark Andrews upon being named as one of
48 100 national "Star of Life" award recipients for 2007-2008
49 presented by AMR, the American Ambulance Association, and extend
50 heartfelt wishes for continued success in all his future
51 endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to Mr. Andrews, the AMR Team headquartered in Pearl and
54 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.