

By: Representative Simpson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE LONG BEACH
2 HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2007 HIGH SCHOOL MOCK
3 TRIAL COMPETITION.

4 WHEREAS, the Long Beach High School's Mock Trial Team won the
5 state championship that was held in the Hinds County Court House
6 in Jackson, Mississippi, on March 2 and 3, 2007; and

7 WHEREAS, as a mock trial team that has only been in existence
8 for seven years, Long Beach High School Mock Trial Team's win at
9 the state tournament speaks volumes of the dedication and
10 preparation of its team members; and

11 WHEREAS, Long Beach's Mock Trial Team was superbly coached by
12 attorneys Brad Rath and Bryan VonderBruegge, both Long Beach High
13 School graduates, who used their practice experiences to
14 strengthen the mock cases that the team members presented; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to the superb coaching of attorneys Rath
16 and VonderBruegge, the mock trial team was also sponsored by
17 Vivian Lee Ward, a dedicated teacher at Long Beach High School;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the dedicated and impressive members of the champion
20 Long Beach Mock Trial Team are as follows: Hayley Alexander,
21 Kristin Sharp, Mark Sutton, Ihaab Syed, David VanCott, Lindsey
22 Ward and Gage Weeks; and

23 WHEREAS, due to their victory as champions on the state
24 level, Long Beach's Mock Trial Team will represent this great
25 state in the National High School Mock Trial Competition with
26 their great oratorical skills and knowledge of the rules of
27 evidence and civil procedure; and

28 WHEREAS, in addition to the champion Long Beach Mock Trial
29 Team, the school's second team placed in the top portion of the
30 state competition, and the second team members are as follows:
31 Chris Carrubba, Kirsten Center, Alix Holcomb, Chuck Jamison,
32 Lindsey Malley, Stephanie Sharp, Elizabeth Sigafoose and Tyler
33 Sutton; and

34 WHEREAS, despite the fact that Coach Rath and some of the
35 students on the teams suffered losses during Hurricane Katrina,
36 the teams' performances are a testament of how individuals are
37 able to persevere and be successful no matter what has occurred
38 before or what may occur in the future; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
40 recognize and commend excellence especially when displayed by the
41 young people of our state, who are its future:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
44 commend and congratulate Long Beach High School Mock Trial Team
45 for winning the state championship and wish them much success as
46 they compete on the national level as they represent this great
47 state.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
49 furnished to Long Beach High School, Coaches Brad Rath and Bryan
50 VonderBruegge and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.