

By: Senator(s) Brown, Dearing, Frazier,
Gordon, Jackson (11th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 593

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MADHAVI
2 GAVINI OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, A STUDENT AT THE MISSISSIPPI
3 SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE, FOR RECEIVING THE TOP
4 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN THE PRESTIGIOUS SIEMENS COMPETITION IN MATH,
5 SCIENCE AND 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. This prestigious program provides more than
9 \$1 Million in scholarships and awards to our nation's brightest
10 and best young scholars; and

11 WHEREAS, this year, the individual \$50,000.00 scholarship
12 winner was Madhavi Gavini of Columbus, Mississippi, a student at
13 the Mississippi School for Math and Science; and

14 WHEREAS, the Siemens Competition was launched in 1998 to
15 recognize America's best and brightest math and science students.
16 In 2006-2007, 1,660 students entered the competition. Entries are
17 judged at the regional level by esteemed scientists at six leading
18 research universities which host the regional competitions:
19 Carnegie Mellon University (Middle States), University of Notre
20 Dame (Midwest), Stanford University (West), Massachusetts
21 Institute of Technology (New England), Georgia Institute of
22 Technology (South) and The University of Texas at Austin
23 (Southwest); and

24 WHEREAS, the Siemens Foundation, established in 1998, is a
25 national leader in math and science education, providing nearly \$2
26 Million in scholarships and awards annually. Based in Iselin, New
27 Jersey, the Foundation's signature programs -- the Siemens
28 Competition in Math, Science and Technology, the Siemens Awards

29 for Advanced Placement and the Siemens Teacher Scholarships --
30 recognize exceptional achievement in science, math and technology.
31 By supporting outstanding students today, and recognizing the
32 teachers and schools that inspire their excellence, the Foundation
33 helps nurture tomorrow's scientists and engineers. The
34 Foundation's mission is based on the culture of innovation,
35 research and educational support that is the hallmark of Siemens'
36 United States operating companies and its parent company, Siemens
37 AG; and

38 WHEREAS, as one of the largest technology employers in the
39 country, with four locations and over 400 employees in
40 Mississippi, the Siemens Competition shares the view that the
41 weakness of our K-12 math and science education is the greatest
42 threat to America's long-term economic future. It is even more
43 compelling because the United States is facing a shortage of
44 skilled workers as our nation's universities are producing fewer
45 scientific and engineering graduates; therefore, the Siemens
46 Competition is an important imitative that will fuel the pipeline
47 of skilled workers of the future; and

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

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
56 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
57 we do hereby commend and congratulate Madhavi Gavini of Columbus,
58 Mississippi, a student at the Mississippi School for Mathematics
59 and Science, for receiving the top individual scholarship award in
60 the prestigious Siemens Competition in Math, Science and
61 Technology.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
63 Madhavi Gavini and her family and be made available to the Capitol
64 Press Corps.