

By: Representatives Yancey, Powell

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE "WAIT FOR IT..."
 2 ROBOTICS TEAM FROM PEARL, MISSISSIPPI, FOR WINNING THE INSPIRE
 3 AWARD AT THE MISSISSIPPI FIRST® TECH CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP HELD
 4 IN OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, AND PAVING THEIR WAY TO THE WORLD
 5 COMPETITION IN APRIL.

6 WHEREAS, "Wait for It...", a high school 4-H robotics team
 7 based in Pearl, Mississippi, secured the top honor at the
 8 Mississippi FIRST® Tech Challenge Championship held in Oxford,
 9 Mississippi, paving their way to the world competition in April;
 10 and

11 WHEREAS, the seven-member team, made up of homeschoolers and
 12 private-schoolers from the tri-county area, triumphed by winning
 13 the prestigious Inspire Award at the Mississippi Championship on
 14 March 9, 2024, and now, "Wait for It..." is eagerly gearing up to
 15 showcase their skills on the global stage; and

16 WHEREAS, the FIRST® Tech Challenge, a program of FIRST®,
 17 provides a platform for students to learn the significance of STEM
 18 by designing, building and programming robots, and it also



19 encourages teamwork, problem-solving and community involvement and
20 engagement; and

21 WHEREAS, the team from Pearl, Mississippi, epitomizes the
22 values of the FIRST® Tech Challenge and has demonstrated their
23 prowess in the field of robotics, and their success is a
24 reflection of their dedication, as well as the support and
25 guidance of their coaches and mentors; and

26 WHEREAS, the Mississippi FIRST® Tech Challenge Championship
27 held in Oxford, Mississippi, saw participation from top robotics
28 teams from the state, and the victory of "Wait for It..." is a
29 testament to their hard work and unwavering commitment; and

30 WHEREAS, the team will now spend the next month preparing to
31 face the top robotics teams from around the globe at the FIRST®
32 Tech Challenge's World Championship in Houston, Texas, which is
33 scheduled for April 17-20, 2024, and the championship follows the
34 record-breaking event hosted by the city in 2023, where more than
35 50,000 people from more than 50 countries attended including 192
36 competing teams; and

37 WHEREAS, the "Wait for It..." team is excited to represent
38 Mississippi at such a grand stage, and their rigorous preparation
39 includes fine-tuning their robot, practicing their driving skills,
40 refining their presentation skills, fundraising and seeking
41 guidance from local engineering experts; and



42 WHEREAS, the "Wait for It..." team from Pearl, Mississippi, has
43 not only made their state proud but also inspired countless young
44 minds to pursue STEM education and robotics; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
46 celebrate and honor the impressive accomplishments of
47 Mississippi's youth who inspire, work hard and bring positive
48 recognition to our state worldwide:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
51 commend and congratulate the "Wait for It..." team from Pearl,
52 Mississippi, for winning the Inspire Award at the Mississippi
53 FIRST® Tech Challenge Championship held in Oxford, Mississippi,
54 which paved their way to the world competition in April 2024, and
55 extend our best wishes for continued success in all their future
56 endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
58 furnished to the members of the "Wait for It..." team and to the
59 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

