

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FLO BECK OF LEE  
2 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, FOR BEING SELECTED AS A FINALIST IN THE 2001  
3 CALL FOR CHILDREN'S ART PROGRAM AND FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AT A  
4 CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION DURING ARTS AND EDUCATION MONTH.

5 WHEREAS, five young people with disabilities from around the  
6 nation have been selected as representatives for VSA arts' "How  
7 Does Art Shape Your World" Call for Children's Art. Their artwork  
8 will be part of a Capitol Hill exhibit on display March 19 through  
9 23 in celebration of Arts and Education Month; and

10 WHEREAS, one of these representatives is a visually impaired  
11 student at Mooreville High School, who lives in Lee County,  
12 Mississippi, and will travel to Washington, D.C., to be honored at  
13 a congressional reception in the Dirksen Senate Office Building,  
14 Room G-11, on Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 12:00 p.m.; and

15 WHEREAS, the Capitol Hill exhibit culminates a national Call  
16 for Children's Art for students in Grades K through 12 who have  
17 participated in VSA arts programs. The call for art was designed  
18 to encourage art educators, administrators and facilitators to  
19 individualize instruction in response to students' strengths and  
20 to explore alternative working methods in the arts. The entire  
21 exhibit includes 32 pieces of artwork, each created by a young  
22 person in a different participating state; and

23 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has designated VSA arts  
24 as the coordinating organization for arts programming for children  
25 and youth with disabilities. The educational programs of VSA arts  
26 use alternative curricula and teaching strategies designed to  
27 promote optimal learning experiences in a fully inclusive

28 environment. VSA arts works to ensure that all students,  
29 including students with disabilities and special needs, receive  
30 equal and adequate opportunity for involvement and instruction in  
31 the arts as part of their education; and

32 WHEREAS, VSA arts is an international, nonprofit organization  
33 that promotes artistic excellence and lifelong arts-in-education  
34 opportunities for children and adults with disabilities. Founded  
35 in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith as an affiliate of The John F.  
36 Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, VSA arts offers programs  
37 in music, drama, dance, creative writing and the visual arts. The  
38 VSA arts network includes affiliates across the United States and  
39 in sixty other countries; and

40 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
41 achievement by a talented young Mississippian who brings honor to  
42 her school, her community and to the State of Mississippi:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
44 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Flo Beck  
45 of Lee County, Mississippi, for being selected as a finalist in  
46 the 2001 Call for Children's Art Program and for being honored at  
47 a Congressional reception during Arts and Education Month, and  
48 wish her continued success in her future academic and artistic  
49 endeavors.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
51 presented to Flo Beck and her family, and her teacher M.S.  
52 McFeeters of Mooreville High School, and be made available to the  
53 Capitol Press Corps.