

By: Representatives Perkins, Clark, Coleman To: Rules
(65th), Dickson, Myers

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING JUMEL C. TERRY OF ITTA
2 BENA, MISSISSIPPI, UPON BEING NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE REGIS F.
3 GROFF YOUTH AWARD BY THE NATIONAL BLACK CAUCUS OF STATE
4 LEGISLATORS DURING ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

5 WHEREAS, Jumel C. Terry of Itta Bena, Mississippi, was
6 recently presented the Regis F. Groff Youth Award during the 30th
7 annual meeting of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators
8 (NBCSL) held in Jackson, Mississippi, at the Marriot Hotel on
9 December 2, 2006; and

10 WHEREAS, named in honor of a former member of the Colorado
11 State Senate, Regis F. Groff, who also served as NBCSL's fourth
12 president, and upon the conclusion of his state service in
13 legislative capacity pursued a career of working with troubled
14 youth, the award honors a young person who has demonstrated a
15 commitment to improving the lives of our country's youth; and

16 WHEREAS, Jumel, the son of Patricia Terry, is a senior at
17 Leflore County High School, who developed a new attitude after
18 several suspensions and disciplinary problems in his 9th and 10th
19 grade years and renewed the outlook on his educational pursuits
20 and potential to be a positive influence on his siblings and
21 peers; and

22 WHEREAS, making the Principal's List the first nine weeks of
23 his 11th grade year, Jumel was reinvigorated to strive for
24 excellence, in addition to assuming the additional responsibility
25 of assisting his mother to support his siblings by taking a night
26 job; and

27 WHEREAS, after suffering a slight decline in academic
28 performance, Jumel ended his employment and focused his

29 concentration on academics, made a complete recovery and has
30 entertained aspirations to join the United States Air Force; and

31 WHEREAS, being highly recommended for the Regis F. Groff
32 Award by his administrator, Roy Curry; guidance counselor, Mrs.
33 Quintella Sullivan; principal, Charles Ollie; and Representative
34 Willie Perkins, Jumel was presented a trophy and a scholarship of
35 \$500.00 by Mr. Groff himself, who presented the award named in his
36 honor for the first time since its inception in 1998; and

37 WHEREAS, moved by the reading of Jumel's biographical sketch,
38 several supporters of NBCSL, who were in the audience, further
39 enhanced Jumel's opportunity for college matriculation by
40 donations totaling approximately \$10,000.00; and

41 WHEREAS, underscoring the origins of NBCSL's founding by
42 recognizing an individual who has put words into action and
43 sacrifice into achievement, the presentation of the Regis F. Groff
44 Youth Award and subsequent philanthropic donations of NBCSL
45 supporters highlighted the quintessential purpose of the
46 organization represented by 640 African-American legislators from
47 44 states, the United States Virgin Islands and the District of
48 Columbia; and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
50 and commend excellence in the youth of this state, like Jumel, who
51 has turned struggle and odds into triumph and endless
52 possibilities, by realizing the importance and value of self
53 worth:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
56 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Jumel C. Terry
57 upon receiving the Regis F. Groff Youth Award by the National
58 Black Caucus of State Legislators during its annual conference in
59 Jackson, Mississippi, on December 2, 2006, and further express
60 heartfelt wishes for continued success in all his future
61 endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 furnished to Jumel C. Terry, Leflore County High School and to the
64 members of the Capitol Press Corps.