

By: Senator(s) Davis (36th), Butler,  
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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LYNICE HIGGINS OF  
2 HAZLEHURST, MISSISSIPPI, FOR RECEIVING THE 2008 CONGRESSIONAL  
3 AWARD GOLD MEDAL.

4 WHEREAS, Lynice Michelle Higgins, a freshman attending  
5 Jackson State University, was awarded the 2008 Congressional Award  
6 Gold Medal. The award is presented by the Congressional Award  
7 National Board of Directors and State Congressmen in Washington,  
8 D.C. The Board commends Lynice on her willingness to give of  
9 herself to voluntarily help others in the community and her  
10 achievements in personal development, physical fitness and  
11 exploration; and

12 WHEREAS, the Congressional Award Gold Medal was presented to  
13 her on February 22, 2009, at the Capitol in Jackson; and

14 WHEREAS, Lynice has worked toward the Gold Medal for three  
15 years. She has also received the Congressional Bronze  
16 Certificate, Congressional Silver Certificate, Congressional Gold  
17 Certificate, Congressional Bronze Medal and Congressional Silver  
18 Medal; and

19 WHEREAS, the Congressional Award is the United States  
20 Congress' award for voting Americans. It is a nonpartisan award  
21 given to 14 to 23-year old citizens; and

22 WHEREAS, prior to attending Jackson State University, Lynice  
23 was a member of the Girl Scout Council of Middle Mississippi  
24 (Hazlehurst Troop 12), Copiah County 4-H Club, Hazlehurst Boys and  
25 Girls Club, Hazlehurst High School Marching Band Flag Drill Team,  
26 Hazlehurst High JROTC, Hazlehurst High School Student Council,  
27 Robert Johnson Foundation Entrepreneur Program, Mississippi Job



28 Corps Center Co-Enrollment Program, Alpha Delta Zeta Phi Beta  
29 Debutante and Copiah County Ministerial Alliance Youth Program.  
30 She has earned the Girl Scout Silver Award and Girl Scout Gold  
31 Award and was a Distinguished Finalist in the 2008 Prudential  
32 Spirit of Community Award Distinguished Finalist; and

33 WHEREAS, since commencing her studies at Jackson State  
34 University, Lynice has the following accomplishments: 2009 Robert  
35 Johnson Blues Foundation Young Entrepreneur Alumni; 2008-present  
36 Girl Scout Council of Middle Mississippi - Troop 12 Leader; W.E.B.  
37 DuBois Honors College, Jackson State University; 2008-present  
38 Making a Difference Doing Respectable and Meaningful Art  
39 (MADDRAMA) Performance Troop Member, Jackson State University;  
40 2008 Toyota Community Scholars Program Regional Scholarship  
41 Winner; 2008 President's Volunteer Service Award - President's  
42 Council on Service and Civil Participation; and

43 WHEREAS, Lynice is an active member of St. James M.B. Church.  
44 She is the daughter of Charles and Barbara Higgins. She has one  
45 brother, Charles Higgins, Jr. Her grandparents are Matthew and  
46 Vernice Jones and the late Robert (Penn) Williams of Hazlehurst  
47 and Lynrois Higgins and the late Armon Higgins of Utica; and

48 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Mississippi, the  
49 strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American  
50 society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young  
51 people like Lynice Higgins, who use their considerable talents and  
52 resources to serve others:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
54 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Lynice  
55 Higgins of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as a recipient of the 2008  
56 Congressional Award Gold Medal, recognizing her outstanding record  
57 of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit, and  
58 extend our best wishes for her continued success.



59           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
60 Lynice Higgins and her family and be made available to the Capitol  
61 Press Corps.

