



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Mt. Vernon Register-News won a General
3 Excellence award in the Southern Illinois Editorial
4 Association's 2005 Better Newspaper Contest; and

5 WHEREAS, The Mt. Vernon newspaper took top honors in the
6 small-daily division for papers with a circulation of less than
7 25,000, as well as in the Best Local News Coverage, Best
8 Editorial Page, and Advertising Excellence categories; and

9 WHEREAS, The competition also features eight open
10 categories, and the Register-News placed in two of them; in the
11 Best Feature Story open category, sports writer Walter Grable
12 tied for first place for his story "1954's Best Team", about
13 Mt. Vernon Township High School's State champion boys
14 basketball team; Managing Editor Jeremy Hall took third place
15 in the Charlie Feirich Original Column open category for his
16 column "A blemish on this county's reputation", which was about
17 problems which an African-American sports writer, Mr. Grable,
18 was having in connection with some of the people about whom he
19 was reporting; and

20 WHEREAS, The Mt. Vernon newspaper took second place among
21 small dailies for Best Use of Photography and Newspaper Design
22 and honorable mention for Best Local Sports Coverage; about 100
23 member newspapers belong to the more than 100-year-old SIEA;
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we congratulate the staff of the Mt. Vernon Register-News on
28 winning several awards in the Southern Illinois Editorial
29 Association's 2005 Better Newspaper Contest; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Mt. Vernon Register-News as an expression of
2 our respect and esteem and with best wishes for the paper's
3 continued success and excellence.