

CHILDREN'S  CONGRESS

JDRF Juvenile
Diabetes
Research
Foundation
International

dedicated to finding a cure

Approximately 150 children and teenagers throughout the U.S., and several from around the world have been selected to travel to Washington, D.C. this summer to represent their state and country and remind Congress and the Administration of the critical need to find better treatments and a cure for a disease they live with every day- type 1 diabetes.



Preston Oden

These children-ages 4 to 17, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia -will converge on Washington, D.C., to talk about the challenges of living with type 1 diabetes to lawmakers during the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's (JDRF) Children's Congress 2011, from June 20 to 22. We are proud to announce the Mississippi Delegates chosen to represent the Mississippi Chapter, **Mr. Preston Oden** of Ridgeland, MS and **Miss Meg Muths** of Gulfport, MS. Congratulations to both of you for being selected! We know that you will represent our state well.

The event, held every other summer, will be led by JDRF's International Chairman Mary Tyler Moore, and will include Congressional visits by the child delegates and a Senate hearing during which Ms. Moore, select delegates, researchers and community leaders will testify on the need for continued funding for type 1 diabetes research, under the theme of "Promise to Remember Me." This theme serves as a powerful call to lawmakers to remember the struggle of living with type 1 diabetes, and the importance of supporting and funding type 1 diabetes research.

Children were selected by a volunteer-led committee, and represent communities from across the nation. "The overwhelming number of applicants we continually get for Children's Congress speaks to the event's importance for so many children living with type 1 diabetes," said Shaheen. "Choosing 150 delegates from the pool of over 1,200 applicants for this year's Children's Congress was a remarkably challenging process." To learn more about JDRF's Children's Congress, please visit our web site at <http://cc.jdrf.org/>.



Meg Muths