



## **RANGE TELEPHONE SPONSORS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC FOR AREA YOUTH**



This year marks the 19th year that Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has sponsored a high school junior to attend the annual Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour in Washington, DC.

Teishia Gamble of Hysham High School submitted the winning essay and will be traveling on an all-expense-paid trip to our nation's capital, May 30 – June 3, 2015. The essay topic this year was, **“What is more important to a Range Telephone subscriber – telephone service or broadband service, and why?”**

Teishia is the daughter of Travis Gamble of Hysham. She will join over 100 other high school juniors from throughout the United States to gain a first-hand look at the telecommunications industry and receive education on government processes.

“We hope that by providing our youth with telecommunication services comparable to those found in urban areas, our youth may be more apt to remain in, and become active members of, their rural communities,” says CEO/General Manager Rob Stephens. “Events like the FRS Youth Tour expose them to cultural and educational opportunities that they may never have the opportunity to experience.”

In addition to the educational component of this trip, the youth tour also introduces the students to various historical landmarks throughout the nation's capitol. Visits to the Vietnam, Korean and World War II memorials, the U.S. Capitol, the Supreme Court, Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials are among the highlights of the trip.