

By: Representatives Young, Bourdeaux, Horne, To: Rules
Robinson (84th)

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. CASEY HENRY ON BEING NAMED THE
2 1998 BELLSOUTH MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AT THE 1998 STATE GAMES OF
3 MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Casey Henry, a resident of Shannon, Mississippi,
5 was named the 1998 BellSouth Male Athlete of the Year, which is a
6 program that strives to honor athletes who represent pride in
7 personal achievement, physical fitness and teamwork along with
8 exemplary motivation, attitude and sportsmanship; and

9 WHEREAS, the 1998 State Games of Mississippi were held in
10 Meridian on June 19-28, 1998, where more than 4,400 athletes
11 ranging in age from 4 to 84 competed in 22 sports; and

12 WHEREAS, the State Games of Mississippi bring together
13 amateur athletes from across the state to compete in an Olympic
14 atmosphere, complete with opening ceremonies, lighting of the
15 torch and a parade of athletes vying for gold, silver and bronze
16 medals; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry is a 20-year-old, National Merit
18 Scholarship recipient currently majoring in chemical engineering
19 at Mississippi State University; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry's diverse sporting skills include scuba
21 diving, long-distance running, racquetball, softball, volleyball,
22 archery, rappelling, frisbee throwing, hiking, fishing and
23 hunting; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry began his Judo career only four years ago
25 when he was a student at the Mississippi School for Math and
26 Science, where he joined the Judo Club; and

27 WHEREAS, in only a short time, Mr. Henry has advanced to a
28 third degree brown belt and is currently a black belt candidate;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry works with young judo students as an
31 assistant instructor at the Starkville Martial Arts Academy,
32 advising them on the techniques and encouraging them to meet their
33 challenges; and

34 WHEREAS, having competed in the State Games for the last
35 three years, Mr. Henry has taken home a total of five medals in
36 Judo, winning two silver medals in his first year of competition;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, only weeks after foot surgery and a recommendation
39 by his doctor not to compete, Mr. Henry's determination and
40 competitive spirit had him back at the State Games his second
41 year earning a gold and a bronze medal; and

42 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry took home the gold for the second
43 consecutive time in his weight division in the 1998 State Games;
44 and

45 WHEREAS, exemplifying sportsmanship, effort and a positive
46 attitude, Mr. Henry was chosen the 1998 BellSouth Male Athlete of
47 the Year for his golden participation and outstanding character
48 traits; and

49 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry will have the opportunity to be one of the
50 official torch runners in the 1999 State Games opening ceremonies
51 and work with the State Games of Mississippi throughout the year
52 to promote athletics for all Mississippians; and

53 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the State of
54 Mississippi finds it most appropriate to recognize and commend
55 excellence, especially when evidenced by the young people of our
56 state, who are its future:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
59 commend and congratulate Mr. Casey Henry of Shannon, Mississippi,

60 on being named the 1998 BellSouth Male Athlete of the Year at the
61 1998 State Games of Mississippi, and extend our heartiest wishes
62 to him for every success in all his future endeavors.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
64 furnished to Mr. Casey Henry and the Capitol Press Corps.