

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND TO CONGRATULATE MARY COPELAND  
2 UPON BEING SELECTED AS THE BELLSOUTH FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.

3 WHEREAS, Mary Copeland was selected as the BellSouth Female  
4 Athlete of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Copeland has been a competitive bowler for 29  
6 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Mary Copeland has won numerous awards in both the  
8 Senior Olympics and the state games; and

9 WHEREAS, Mary Copeland has competed in the State Games of  
10 Mississippi for the past five years and has won the Gold Medal  
11 each year; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1998, Mary Copeland took home the gold at the  
13 State Games of Mississippi in Division 4, 175 and above, with a  
14 score of 1,174; and

15 WHEREAS, Mary Copeland is an avid supporter and volunteer for  
16 the State Games of Mississippi; and

17 WHEREAS, Mary Copeland has encouraged numerous athletes with  
18 special needs; and

19 WHEREAS, Mary Copeland has given amateur athletes the  
20 opportunity to participate in athletic competition; and

21 WHEREAS, the BellSouth Athlete of the Year program was  
22 developed by the State Games of Mississippi to honor the foremost  
23 male and female amateur athletes; and

24 WHEREAS, Mary Copeland was selected Female Athlete of the  
25 Year not only for her athletic accomplishments but also for her  
26 exemplary sportsmanship; and

27           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Senate to commend the  
28 meritorious achievements of the citizens of this state:

29           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE  
30 SENATE, That the Senate does hereby commend and congratulate Mary  
31 Copeland for her athletic achievements and for being selected as  
32 the 1998 BellSouth Female Athlete of the Year.

33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
34 presented to Mary Copeland.