

By: Senator(s) Lee

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JONATHAN BENDER,  
2 ALL-STAR BASKETBALL PLAYER FROM PICAYUNE HIGH SCHOOL, FOR BEING  
3 NAMED MISSISSIPPI PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, Jonathan Bender, All-Star forward with the Picayune  
5 Memorial High School Boys Basketball Team, has been selected as  
6 Mississippi Player of the Year for his outstanding 1998-1999  
7 season; and

8 WHEREAS, Jonathan was named to the All-State Tournament Team  
9 for his excellence in the 1999 state tournament, an honor he also  
10 received in the 1996-1997 season; and

11 WHEREAS, Jonathan was named to the Alabama-Mississippi  
12 All-Star Team and will play the Alabama All-Stars later this year;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Jonathan set a single game scoring record in the  
15 McDonald's All-American Game (31 points), breaking Michael  
16 Jordan's 18-year record of 30 points in the same event; and

17 WHEREAS, other individual honors include being named to 1st  
18 Team Parade All-American, McDonald's All-American Team, McDonald's  
19 All-American Game Most Valuable Player and to the Major Johnson  
20 Roundball All-American Team; and

21 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
22 outstanding accomplishments of this fine student athlete, who has  
23 brought honor to his school, his community and to the State of  
24 Mississippi:

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
26 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Jonathan

27 Bender, All-Star Basketball Player from Picayune Memorial High  
28 School, for being named Mississippi Player of the Year (1998-1999)  
29 and wish him continued success in his future athletic, academic  
30 and career endeavors.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
32 presented to Jonathan Bender and to the Principal of Picayune  
33 Memorial High School, and be made available to the Capitol Press  
34 Corps.