

By: Senator(s) Walls, Carlton, Horhn, Jordan To: Rules  
(24th), Simmons, Jackson, Blackmon

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING LATOYA THOMAS, ALL-STATE GIRLS  
2 BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

3 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas has been selected as the All-State  
4 Girls Basketball Player of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, this is the second straight season, that LaToya  
6 Thomas has been selected as the Player of the Year on the  
7 All-State Girls Basketball Team; and

8 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas will represent the State of  
9 Mississippi in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game; and

10 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas, regarded as one of the most prolific  
11 girl scorer in the history of the State of Mississippi, shattered  
12 the Girls State Tournament single-game scoring record by scoring  
13 43 points against Tupelo in the semifinals; and

14 WHEREAS, during the 1998-1999 season, she maintained an  
15 impressive average of 31.5 points per game, sometimes scoring more  
16 than 35 points per game: 45 points against Clarksdale on November  
17 3, 1998; 39 points against Lanier on November 9, 1998; 53 points  
18 against T.L. Weston on December 18, 1998; 51 points against  
19 Starkville on February 27, 1999; a total of 900 points during the  
20 1997-1998 season; and a total of 1,054 points during the 1998-1999  
21 season; and

22 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas has garnered numerous honors:  
23 All-State Player of the Year 1997-1999, Sprint All-America  
24 1998-1999, Gatorade Player of the Year 1997-1998, and Nike  
25 All-American 1998; and

26 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas was selected as All-District four

27 years straight; Dandy Dozen three years straight; North State  
28 All-Tournament Team two years straight, and Greenville High School  
29 Most Valuable Player 1995-1999; and

30 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas has led her team to an unprecedented  
31 win-loss record of 33-2 and 34-3 during the 1997-1998 and  
32 1998-1999 seasons; and

33 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas is ranked as one of the top 25 players  
34 in the entire nation; and

35 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas is considered as one of the best girls  
36 basketball players in the history of the State of Mississippi; and

37 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas is known for her dedication,  
38 determination, humility and strength of character; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Senate to commend the  
40 meritorious accomplishments of the youth of the State of  
41 Mississippi:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE  
43 SENATE, That we do hereby commend LaToya Thomas for being selected  
44 as the All-State Girls Basketball Player of the Year and wish her  
45 continued success in her endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
47 presented to LaToya Thomas.