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(84th), Rotenberry, Scott (17th), Scott
(80th), Snowden, Stevens, Straughter, Stringer, Taylor, Thomas, Wallace,
Wells-Smith, West, Whittington, Woods

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS
2 MISSISSIPPI TEAM.

3 WHEREAS, on June 26 through July 4, 1999, Mississippi's
4 delegation of 83 athletes, coaches and support delegates competed
5 in Raleigh and Chapel Hill, North Carolina and St. Mary's City,
6 Maryland, at the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games; and

7 WHEREAS, Mississippi's athletes competed in track, in field,
8 aquatics, badminton, basketball, bocce, bowling, equestrian, golf,
9 gymnastics, powerlifting, roller skating, unified sailing and
10 unified volleyball; and

11 WHEREAS, through great strength and spirit, these athletes
12 won 29 gold medals, 16 silver medals, 16 bronze medals, 27 4th
13 Place Ribbons, 16 5th Place Ribbons, 2 6th Place Ribbons, 3 7th
14 Place Ribbons and 2 8th Place Ribbons; and

15 WHEREAS, through their participation in Special Olympics
16 these marvelous individuals are afforded an opportunity and are
17 encouraged to develop their physical and mental skills,
18 demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing
19 of gifts of skills and friendship with their families, other
20 Special Olympics athletes and the community; and

21 WHEREAS, in Special Olympics the emphasis is not upon the
22 physical strength, speed or endurance of the human body, but upon
23 their faith, spirit and determination that bespeaks the true
24 character and worth of all human beings; and

25 WHEREAS, Mississippi's Special Olympics athletes were coached
26 and inspired by Terry Shinall, Head of Delegation; John Turner,

27 Assistant Head of Delegation; Beth Sojourner, Sydney Leonard,
28 Arlene Brass, Cindy Peterson, Debbie Waller, Connie Robinson,
29 Cindy Holley, Freddy Townsend, Chris Rodgers, Keith Bounds, Becky
30 Johnson, Mary Ingram, Ron Mucha, Jennifer Seas, Debbie Nance, Mark
31 Addy, Becky Wells and Tyson Pound; and

32 WHEREAS, Mississippi's Special Olympics delegation also
33 included Mayor Bob Short, Helen Parish, Janie Allen, Shannon Polk
34 and Keri Redeker; and

35 WHEREAS, Mississippi's Special Olympics delegation was
36 supported by numerous family members, Area Directors and many
37 other dedicated volunteers; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
39 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the citizens
40 of this state:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
42 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
43 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the Special Olympics
44 Mississippi Team for their outstanding achievements and extend
45 best wishes for all their future endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
47 furnished to the members of the Mississippi Special Olympics
48 Mississippi Team and to members of the Capitol Press Corps.