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Young

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING EVAN  
2 SANFORD OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, THE 2000 STATE GAMES SPORTSMAN  
3 OF THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, the State Games of Mississippi has selected Evan  
5 Sanford of Starkville, Mississippi, to represent the 2000 State  
6 Games as the BellSouth Sportsman of the Year; and

7 WHEREAS, the award seeks to honor those athletes who  
8 personify the ideals of the State Games movement, such as  
9 participation, sportsmanship, achievement, effort and positive  
10 attitude; and

11 WHEREAS, the ninth annual State Games of Mississippi was an  
12 impressive success with over 4,500 athletes representing 71  
13 counties in Mississippi and competing in 24 sports around the  
14 Lauderdale and Newton Counties, with central ceremonies at Rae  
15 Stadium in Meridian, Mississippi, with over 400 volunteers from  
16 across Mississippi helping with the games; and

17 WHEREAS, Evan participated in the 1st annual State Games of  
18 America, winning a Gold medal in the 14-under singles division;  
19 Evan has participated in the State Games of Mississippi since the  
20 first games in 1992; during the 2000 State Games of Mississippi,  
21 Evan was a member of the 16-under soccer team from Starkville;  
22 Evan did not participate in the youth tennis the following weekend  
23 due to being selected to play in England on the World Exchange  
24 Tennis team representing the USA; and

25 WHEREAS, Evan has played soccer and tennis since the age of  
26 five; he has been a member of the Starkville High School team  
27 since the 7th grade; he also plays soccer for the Starkville

28 Yellow Jackets; he has received the Most Improved Tennis Player  
29 Award (1998-1999) and the Most Valuable Tennis Player Award  
30 (1999-2000) while attending Starkville High. While playing for  
31 the USA team in England, Evan won all of his matches playing in  
32 the singles, doubles and mixed doubles division; Evan is an honor  
33 student, member of First United Methodist Church, and an active  
34 member of the Methodist youth group; and

35 WHEREAS, along with his parents, Dr. Evan and Doris Sanford,  
36 it is with great pride that we recognize the achievements of this  
37 student athlete, whose competitive spirit brings honor to his  
38 school, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
41 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Evan Sanford  
42 of Starkville, Mississippi, the 2000 State Games Sportsman of the  
43 Year, and wish him continued success in his future scholastic and  
44 athletic endeavors.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
46 presented to Evan, his family and to members of the Capitol Press  
47 Corps.