A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. E.J. WILLIS ON HER OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CAREER.

WHEREAS, Ms. E.J. Willis, a senior at Porter's Chapel Academy, has led her team to a 123-24 record during her career including being named the State Class A runner-ups in 1998-1999; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Willis began her varsity basketball career at the end of the season while she was only an eighth grade student; and

WHEREAS, throughout her high school basketball career, Ms. Willis has received numerous awards and honors including being named to the All-Central State Team five times; the All-Conference Team four times; the Conference Most Valuable Player four times; the All-State Team four times; Porter's Chapel Academy Most Valuable Player four times; the All-Warren County Team four times; and the Vicksburg Post Player of the Year two times; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Willis has a record high of 3,222 points scored in her career to make her the leading scorer in Warren County basketball history and a leading scorer in the history of Mississippi high school basketball; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Willis' career average is 22.3 points per game including scoring over 40 points five times in her career with a game high of 45 points during her senior year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her many remarkable accomplishments, Ms. Willis has been named to an All-Star Team that played in Hawaii during the summer of 2000; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Willis was named to play in the Mississippi Private School Association All-Star Game; and

WHEREAS, off the court, Ms. Willis has excelled in her academic studies, maintaining a 3.5 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the young people of this state, who are its future:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Ms. E.J. Willis upon her outstanding basketball career and express our heartiest wishes for success in all her future athletic and academic endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Ms. E.J. Willis and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.