

By: Senator(s) Carmichael, Hamilton

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 545

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

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