HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ANTHONY THOMAS UPON BEING SELECTED 2001 STATE GAMES SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, Anthony Thomas was selected by the State Games of Mississippi to represent the 2001 State Games as the BellSouth Sportsman of the Year; and

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

WHEREAS, the tenth annual State Games of Mississippi was an impressive success with many great athletes from all areas of Mississippi competing in 24 sports in Lauderdale and Newton counties and in the central ceremonies at Rae Stadium in Meridian, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, having participated in the State Games of Mississippi for eight years as a soccer player, in 2001, Anthony competed in the 1st annual Clash of the Champions Tournament, winning a gold medal in the U-14 under age division; and

WHEREAS, Anthony, the winner of a gold medal in 2001 as a member of the Meridian U-14 under soccer team, participates in the athletics for the positive influence, sense of accomplishment and character building in a spirit of competition; and

WHEREAS, Anthony's positive attitude and sportsmanship are evident in all phases of his life; and

WHEREAS, the BellSouth Sportsman of the Year award honors the foremost male and female sportsman of the year who represent the true spirit of competition; and
WHEREAS, Anthony was selected Male Sportsman of the Year not only for his athletic accomplishments, but also for his exemplary sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the achievements of this student athlete, whose competitive spirit brings honor to his school, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Anthony Thomas, the 2001 State Games Sportsman of the Year, and wish him continued success in his future scholastic and athletic endeavors.

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