

By: Representatives Eads, Gadd, Grist,
McBride, Reynolds

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 64

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. DON WHITTEN UPON BEING NAMED
2 SPORTSWRITER OF THE YEAR FOR MISSISSIPPI IN 2001.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Don Whitten was selected as Sportswriter of the
4 Year for Mississippi in 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating from Pontotoc High School, Mr.
6 Whitten attended the University of Mississippi, where he received
7 his bachelor's degree in journalism; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Whitten began his journalism career with the
9 Pontotoc Progress as a Sportswriter from 1972 to 1977 and then
10 served one year as Sports Editor of The Daily Mississippian; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1977, Mr. Whitten joined The Oxford Eagle as
12 Sports Editor, where he is responsible for planning daily sports
13 coverage of three area high schools, one area junior college, the
14 University of Mississippi and local youth programs; and

15 WHEREAS, throughout his long and distinguished career, Mr.
16 Whitten has received numerous awards and honors, including his
17 selection as Mississippi Sportswriter of the Year in 1998 and 2002
18 by members of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters
19 Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Whitten has been lovingly supported in all his
21 endeavors by his wife, Janet; and

22 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
23 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence in
24 outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Whitten:

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
26 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
27 commend and congratulate Mr. Don Whitten for being selected as



28 Sportswriter of the Year for Mississippi in 2001 and express our
29 heartiest wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
31 furnished to Mr. Don Whitten and to the members of the Capitol
32 Press Corps.

