

By: Senator(s) Lee

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING PICAYUNE GOLFER
2 AMANDA MATHIS, THE YOUNGEST PLAYER EVER TO WIN THE MISSISSIPPI
3 WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

4 WHEREAS, on Thursday, June 20, 2002, Amanda Mathis made
5 history by becoming the youngest golfer ever to win the
6 Mississippi Women's Golf Association Championship Title; and

7 WHEREAS, Amanda, 17, defeated Cissy Gallagher in the
8 championship match at President Broadwater Golf Club, winning the
9 69-year old championship and bringing pride to her hometown,
10 Picayune, Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, the long-hitting Mathis shot the low round (72) in
12 the qualifying round and continued her stellar play over the next
13 three days, beating Cathy Bailey, 9-time champion Lou Hart and
14 Alexis Rather before playing the well-known Gallagher who was
15 playing for her 10th MWGA title; and

16 WHEREAS, in her championship round, Amanda birdied three of
17 her first five holes, was 5-up through six, 4-up through 9, was
18 5-up through 12, was about 10-15 yards longer off the tee than her
19 challenger, and held off Gallagher at the end after the match was
20 twice delayed by bad weather; and

21 WHEREAS, earlier this year, Mathis was the medalist in the
22 Class 4A State Golf Championship, becoming just the second girl to
23 win medalist honors in a high school state championship usually
24 won by boys; and

25 WHEREAS, Amanda stated that winning the Women's State Amateur
26 topped all her previous championships, especially considering she



27 beat a player like Cissy Gallagher, a former LSU standout and
28 LPGA player; and

29 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
30 singular accomplishment of this young student athlete, who has
31 brought honor to her hometown and to the State of Mississippi:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
33 MISSISSIPPI; That we do hereby commend and congratulate Picayune
34 golfer Amanda Mathis for becoming the youngest golfer ever to win
35 the Mississippi Women's Golf Association Championship, and wish
36 her and her family the best in her future athletic and academic
37 endeavors.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
39 Amanda Mathis and her family, and be made available to the Capitol
40 Press Corps.

