

By: Representatives Hines, Bailey

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 129

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LATOYA
2 THOMAS ON HER ACCOMPLISHED COLLEGE BASKETBALL CAREER.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. LaToya Thomas, a native of Greenville,
4 Mississippi, and currently a senior at Mississippi State
5 University has had an outstanding college basketball career; and

6 WHEREAS, superbly coached by Ms. Sharon Fanning throughout
7 her college basketball career, LaToya Thomas, who plays the
8 position of forward, has recently made history by being the first
9 Mississippian to be named the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Player
10 of the Year; and

11 WHEREAS, the athletic ability of Ms. Thomas has only
12 strengthened during her career as indicated by her leading the SEC
13 for the fourth straight year in scoring, ranking third nationally
14 with an average 25.6 points per game, and moving into second place
15 on the all-time SEC career scoring list with 2,930 points, and her
16 ranking 8th on the NCAA Career Scorer's Chart; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas is currently ranked in several SEC
18 categories, such as first in points and offensive rebounds, first
19 on the all-time SEC career free throws made with 701 charted,
20 second in rebounding, fourth in defensive rebounding, fifth in
21 free throw percentage and eighth in field goal percentage; and

22 WHEREAS, during the early years of her career, Ms. Thomas has
23 received several distinctive honors, including being named the SEC
24 Freshman of the Year, AP Newcomer of the Year, *Sports Illustrated*
25 *for Women* Freshman of the Year and *espn.com* Rookie of the Year;
26 and



27 WHEREAS, there are many other honors that Ms. Thomas has
28 received during the 2002-2003 season, such as being named AP
29 All-SEC First Team and All-SEC First Team, named to the 2002 SEC
30 All-Tournament Team, twice-named SEC Player of the Week and named
31 to the Lady Griz Holiday Classic All-Tournament Team; and

32 WHEREAS, LaToya Thomas, a three-time Kodak All-American, has
33 also received several honorable finalist positions, including
34 being a Wade Trophy finalist, Naismith Player of the Year
35 finalist, Senior Class Award finalist and a Creamland Dairies
36 Collegiate Basketball Student Athlete of the Year semi-finalist;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize the
39 athletic excellence of individuals, such as Ms. LaToya Thomas, who
40 has brought well-deserved credit to herself and has made
41 monumental contributions to the women's basketball program of
42 Mississippi State University:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
45 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Ms. LaToya
46 Thomas for her accomplished college basketball career and wish her
47 continued success in all her future endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
49 furnished to Ms. LaToya Thomas, Coach Sharon Fanning and the
50 Capitol Press Corps.

