

By: Representatives Snowden, Dickson, Ford,  
Franks, Holland, Horne, Nicholson, Robinson  
(84th), Scott (17th), Young

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LYDIA RICE ON  
2 BEING SELECTED AS A 2002 STATE GAMES ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.

3 WHEREAS, Lydia Rice of Tupelo, Mississippi, was selected as a  
4 2002 State Games of Mississippi Athlete of the Year; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Rice was a track and field participant in the  
10 State Games of Mississippi, and her results in the 2002 games were  
11 1 Silver Medal in the 400 meter and 3 Gold Medals in the 100-meter  
12 hurdles, high jump and 4x100 relay; and

13 WHEREAS, having participated in the State Games of  
14 Mississippi for two years, Ms. Rice recorded a new record in 2002  
15 in the high jump with 4 feet, 9 inches in the 13-14-year-old  
16 division, and in the 100-meter hurdles, she ran a time of 18.5  
17 seconds; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Rice is very focused in her preparation for  
19 these events and has worked hard to learn the technical aspects,  
20 and is an all-around athlete having been a member of the Tupelo  
21 select soccer team for several years; and

22 WHEREAS, not only is Ms. Rice an honor student and active in  
23 her church youth group choir, she was an All-State Player in the  
24 Mississippi High School Athletic Association 5A State  
25 Cross-Country Meet, finishing 9th overall, and was also the 3rd  
26 Tupelo High School runner who helped Tupelo win the 5A  
27 Championship; and



28           WHEREAS, Lydia Rice demonstrates the true spirit of the State  
29 Games of Mississippi as she is committed to doing her very best to  
30 compete in numerous events in which she has excelled for the past  
31 three years, and she enjoys the competition and has respect for  
32 the athletes, volunteers, and staff who work, plan and implement  
33 this annual classic; and

34           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of  
35 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence,  
36 especially when evidenced by the young people of our state, who  
37 are its future:

38           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we commend and  
40 congratulate Lydia Rice on being selected as a State Games Athlete  
41 of the Year and express our heartiest wishes for continued success  
42 in all her future endeavors.

43           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
44 furnished to Lydia Rice and to members of the Capitol Press Corps.

