

By: Senator(s) Carmichael, Nunnelee,
Jackson, Burton

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE LYDIA RICE UPON
2 BEING SELECTED BELLSOUTH FEMALE SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR AT THE 2002
3 STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Lydia Rice, a 14-year-old track and field
5 participant in the 2002 State Games of Mississippi from Tupelo,
6 Mississippi, has been selected as the BellSouth Female Sportsman
7 of the Year; and

8 WHEREAS, Lydia competed in her second State Games in 2002 in
9 track and field and has participated in this sport for five years;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, her results in the 2002 State Games were one Silver
12 Medal in the 400-meters, and Gold Medals in the 100-meter hurdles,
13 the high jump and the 4x100 relay; and

14 WHEREAS, Lydia recorded a new record in the high jump for the
15 State Games of Mississippi with 4 feet 9 inches in the
16 13-14-year-old age division, and in the 100 meter hurdles she ran
17 a time of 18.5 seconds; and

18 WHEREAS, Lydia has been very focused in her preparation in
19 these events, working hard to learn the technical aspects; she is
20 an all-around athlete, having been a member of the Tupelo Select
21 Soccer Team for several years; she also was All-State in the
22 Mississippi High School Athletic Association 5A Cross Country
23 Meet, finishing 9th overall; and was the 3rd Tupelo High School
24 runner, helping Tupelo win the 5A championship; and

25 WHEREAS, Lydia is an honor student and active in her church
26 youth group and choir; and



27 WHEREAS, the BellSouth Sportsman of the Year Award honors the
28 foremost Male and Female Sportsman of the Year, who represent the
29 true spirit of competition, and Lydia was selected for her
30 athletic accomplishments and her exemplary sportsmanship toward
31 all participants; and

32 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize this outstanding
33 student athlete who brings honor to her school, her community and
34 to the State of Mississippi:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Lydia Rice
37 of Tupelo, Mississippi, for her accomplishments in being selected
38 as the 2002 BellSouth Female Sportsman of the Year, and wish her
39 continued success in her future athletic and academic endeavors.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
41 Lydia and her family and be made available to the Tupelo Daily
42 Journal and the Capitol Press Corps.

