

By: Senator(s) Carmichael, Jackson (32nd),
Burton

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DAVID CARR UPON
2 BEING SELECTED BELLSOUTH MALE SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR AT THE 2003
3 STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, David Carr, a 50-year-old track and field and
5 martial arts enthusiast from Meridian, Mississippi, has been
6 selected as the BellSouth Male Sportsman of the Year at the 2003
7 State Games of Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, David Carr was born on January 23, 1953, in
9 Meridian, Mississippi. He graduated from Meridian Senior High
10 School in 1971 and attended Meridian Community College. In 1974,
11 he married Jennifer Neal and in February of 2004 they celebrated
12 their 30th Wedding Anniversary. They have 3 children, Dave,
13 Shelby and Jason; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1982, David received his 1st Degree in Karate
15 after an 18-hour continuous black belt test and has not missed a
16 day of training. Since running, biking, swimming, stretching and
17 weightlifting were all part of his normal training, one of his
18 karate students encouraged him to begin to train for a local
19 triathlon; and

20 WHEREAS, between 1989 and 1993, David and his oldest son Dave
21 competed in several athletic events from 5k runs to marathons,
22 from bicycle time trials to a criterium through the streets of
23 Meridian. He also competed in several triathlons and duathlons.
24 He once won a local duathlon running the last 2-mile run
25 barefooted; and

26 WHEREAS, under the direction of Grandmaster Hee Young Kimm,
27 David trained in several styles of martial arts in the United

28 States, Korea, China and Japan, he now holds a 1st Degree Black
29 Belt in Kum Do (sword fighting), 2nd Degree in Tae Kwon Do, 3rd
30 Degree in Karate, 3rd Degree in Hapkido and is a 5th Degree Master
31 in Han Mu Do; and

32 WHEREAS, in January of 2003, his youngest son Jason (now 22
33 years old) told his Dad that he was considering competing in a
34 triathlon and wondered if he would like to train and race with
35 him. David was excited that he would have a chance to train with
36 Jason and just as he had done with Dave 10 years earlier. Now
37 both of his sons train and compete regularly; and

38 WHEREAS, this year at age 50, David has competed in, not only
39 running, biking and triathlons, but he has also competed in the
40 off-road events, biathlon and kayaking; and

41 WHEREAS, David and his brother Russell run the family
42 business, Truckers Supply, and David also owns Black Eagle Martial
43 Arts where he and Jennifer teach traditional martial arts,
44 kickboxing, aerobics and yoga. He is also active in his church
45 where he sings in the choir, plays the guitar and helps teach
46 children on Sunday evenings; and

47 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize the outstanding
48 accomplishments of this remarkable sportsman who brings honor to
49 his community and to the State of Mississippi:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate David Carr
52 of Meridian, Mississippi, for being selected as the 2003 BellSouth
53 Male Sportsman of the Year, and wish him continued success in his
54 future athletic endeavors.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
56 David Carr and his family and be made available to *The Meridian*
57 *Star* and the Capitol Press Corps.