By: Senator(s) Carmichael, Burton, Chaney, Dawkins, Frazier, Jackson (11th), Williamson

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DEEDRA SIMS ON 1 BEING SELECTED AS THE 2004 STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI FEMALE 2 3 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR. 4 WHEREAS, Deedra Sims of Vicksburg, Mississippi, was selected as the 2004 State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year; 5 and 6 7 WHEREAS, the award seeks to honor those athletes who 8 personify the ideals of the State Games movement, such as 9 participation, sportsmanship, achievement, effort and positive 10 attitude; and WHEREAS, a first time participant in the State Games, Ms. 11 12 Sims, who is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, participated in 13 the equestrian event; and WHEREAS, Ms. Sims represents a dedicated spirit, whose 14 15 sportsmanship exhibited her interaction with her peers and her 16 congratulatory remarks to her fellow athletes; and WHEREAS, Ms. Sims is focused in her preparation for these 17 18 events, has worked hard to master riding the horse by undergoing 19 hippotherapy and is an all-around athlete; and 20 WHEREAS, Deedra Sims demonstrates the true spirit of the 21 State Games of Mississippi as she is committed to doing her best, 22 enjoys the competition and has respect for the athletes, volunteers and staff who work, plan and implement this annual 23 classic; and 24 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize and commend this 25 26 young amateur athlete who has brought honor to her community and 27 to her state:

S. R. No. 43 *SS26/R1401* 05/SS26/R1401 PAGE 1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Deedra Sims on being selected as the 2004 State Games of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year and express our heartiest wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to 34 Deedra Sims and made available to the members of the Capitol Press 35 Corps.