

By: Senator(s) Little, Gordon, To: Rules
Wilemon, Burton

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SARAH DEATHERAGE,
2 8TH GRADE STUDENT AT IUKA MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR WINNING THE ELK'S
3 NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT FREE-THROW COMPETITION.

4 WHEREAS, Sarah Deatherage is an 8th grade student at Iuka
5 Middle School. Her parents are Jeff and Beth Deatherage of Iuka,
6 Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, the Elk's Club sponsors the "Elks National Hoop
8 Shoot Free-Throw Competition" annually. Each contestant shoots 25
9 free throws and the person with the highest percentage of made
10 free throws wins; and

11 WHEREAS, Sarah competed in the 12-13 year old girls division.
12 She won the local competition, the state competition, the regional
13 competition and ultimately the national competition, which was
14 held at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield,
15 Massachusetts, on April 23, 2005; and

16 WHEREAS, at the national competition, Sarah made 24 of 25
17 free throws against 11 other regional winners from across the
18 country; and

19 WHEREAS, Sarah is the first champion ever from the State of
20 Mississippi; and

21 WHEREAS, she was awarded a \$10,000.00 scholarship to the
22 college of her choice, and her name will be engraved on a plaque
23 and placed in the Basketball Hall of Fame; and

24 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize this very special
25 accomplishment by a young Mississippian who has brought honor to
26 her school, her community and to the State of Mississippi:

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
28 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Sarah
29 Deatherage, an 8th Grade student at Iuka Middle School, for
30 winning the Elk's Club National Hoop Shoot Free-Throw Competition
31 and for being the first national champion from the State of
32 Mississippi, and extend to her and her family the best wishes of
33 the Senate on her future athletic and scholastic endeavors.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
35 Sarah, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Deatherage, and be made available to the
36 Capitol Press Corps.