

By: Representatives Stevens, Clark, Howell,
Smith (27th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROY OSWALT ON BEING NAMED
2 THE 2005 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER BY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
3 SERIES.

4 WHEREAS, Roy Edward Oswalt was named the 2005 Most Valuable
5 Player by the National League Championship Series for pitching the
6 Houston Astros into the World Series for the first time in the
7 team's 44-year history; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of Kosciusko and resident of Weir,
9 Mississippi, Mr. Oswalt, who is in his fourth year in the majors,
10 became the only pitcher in the majors with back-to-back 20-win
11 seasons; and

12 WHEREAS, after graduating from Weir High School, Mr. Oswalt
13 attended Holmes Community College in 1995 where he went on to lead
14 the nation's junior colleges in strikeouts and earned run averages
15 in 1997; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Oswalt was heavily recruited by the Houston
17 Astros after his spectacular first year at Holmes Community
18 College; however, he decided to remain in school and signed with
19 Mississippi State University in the fall of 1996; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Oswalt, who is a right-handed pitcher, made his
21 debut with the Houston Astros on May 6, 2001, where he continues
22 to pitch and make record-breaking contributions for his team; and

23 WHEREAS, an individual who gives tirelessly to his community,
24 Mr. Oswalt, also works with Holmes Community College pitchers
25 during the off-season and also calls recruits for the school; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Oswalt, gives much of his credit for his
27 pinpoint accuracy and overall success in baseball to his father,

28 Billy Joe Oswalt, who threw the baseball to Mr. Oswalt when he was
29 a child almost every day of the year; and

30 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend
31 excellence in outstanding Mississippians, such as Mr. Roy Oswalt,
32 who has achieved athletic excellence while simultaneously becoming
33 a mentor and role model for millions of young athletes across this
34 great state and country:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
36 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
37 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Roy Edward
38 Oswalt on his being selected the Most Valuable Player of 2005, and
39 we wish him continued success both on and off the baseball field.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
41 furnished to Mr. Roy Oswalt and to members of the Capitol Press
42 Corps.