

By: Representatives Snowden, Baker (74th),
Dickson, Horne, Moore, Robinson (84th),
Rogers (61st), Rotenberry, Smith (59th),
Weathersby, Young

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 67

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JENNIFER HARPER ON
2 BEING SELECTED AS THE 2005 BELLSOUTH FEMALE SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR.

3 WHEREAS, Jennifer (Jenny) Harper of Brandon, Mississippi, was
4 selected as the 2005 BellSouth Female Sportsman of the Year for
5 the State Games of Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, this distinguished award seeks to honor athletes who
7 personify the ideals of the State Games, such as participation,
8 sportsmanship, achievement, effort and positive attitude; and

9 WHEREAS, Jenny, who is a delightful and determined
10 five-year-old, participated in the State Games and won a gold
11 medal for the one-mile run; and

12 WHEREAS, after winning the gold medal, Jenny's wide and
13 beautiful smile and verbal remarks embodied the spirit and the
14 essence of expressing the joy of participating and winning in the
15 State Games; and

16 WHEREAS, as a last minute entrant of the games, Jenny beat
17 the odds and crossed the finish line with the exceptional time of
18 eleven minutes and seven seconds; and

19 WHEREAS, Jenny has not only been victorious in the State
20 Games, she has been victorious in overcoming a life challenge at
21 the age of four by overcoming her inability to speak; and

22 WHEREAS, a testament of the strong family ties and
23 encouragement that she is surrounded by, Jenny had the unwavering
24 love of her dedicated parents who supported her in her efforts as
25 she undertook intensive speech therapy; and

26 WHEREAS, Jenny continues to have her confidence built by not
27 only participating in the State Games but by winning the coveted
28 gold medal for the one-mile run; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
30 recognize and commend a remarkable and determined young person
31 such as Jennifer Harper who demonstrates that no matter the age of
32 an individual, with persistence any challenge can be conquered:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
35 commend and congratulate Ms. Jennifer Harper on being selected as
36 the 2005 BellSouth Female Sportsman of the Year and express our
37 heartiest wishes for continued success in all her future
38 endeavors.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
40 furnished to Ms. Jennifer Harper and to members of the Capitol
41 Press Corps.