

By: Representatives Mayo, Espy, Burnett

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING RAVERN JOHNSON OF THE COAHOMA COUNTY
2 HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS BASKETBALL TEAM UPON BEING NAMED MR.
3 BASKETBALL FOR THE 2005-2006 SEASON BY *THE CLARION-LEDGER*.

4 WHEREAS, Ravern Johnson, a junior at Coahoma County High
5 School, has been selected as Mr. Basketball for the 2005-2006
6 season by *The Clarion-Ledger*; and

7 WHEREAS, this honor makes Johnson the first player from the
8 Delta and the second from a classification below 3A, following
9 Bernard Haslett of Vaiden in 1990, to win the 29th annual award as
10 the state's best high school player; and

11 WHEREAS, Ravern showcased his talent in the Magnolia State
12 and beyond this season, sparked his team to a second consecutive
13 2A state championship at the Mississippi Coliseum in early March,
14 and impressed college recruiters at a December tournament in
15 Fayetteville, Arkansas, where he scored 27 points, four above his
16 season average; and

17 WHEREAS, standing six-foot-six, 180 pounds, this power
18 forward can practically stand and shoot from anywhere on the
19 court, where he has worked tirelessly to improve his footwork and
20 defense; and

21 WHEREAS, considered a top 100 prospect in the Class of 2007,
22 Ravern's recruiting stock is mirrored by his vertical jump with an
23 impressive showing on the camp and traveling team circuit this
24 summer; and

25 WHEREAS, an A and B student, Johnson is being scouted by
26 Arkansas, Mississippi State, Baylor, Memphis, Oklahoma and Kansas,

27 but remains unsure at the present time where he will attend
28 college; and

29 WHEREAS, pleasantly content with the peaceful tranquility of
30 his Lyon home, Ravern's future is bright with the potential for
31 growth and success; and

32 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
33 recognize and commend excellence as evidenced by the youth of this
34 state, who are its future:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
36 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
37 commend and congratulate Ravern Johnson upon being selected as Mr.
38 Basketball for the 2005-2006 season by *The Clarion-Ledger* and
39 express best wishes for continued success in all his future
40 endeavors.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to Ravern Johnson, Coahoma County High School and to the
43 members of the Capitol Press Corps.