

By: Senator(s) Jackson (15th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

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

4 WHEREAS, Roy Edward Oswalt was named the 2005 Most Valuable
5 Player of 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, Roy completed the 2005 season with a 2.94 earned run
13 average, a 20-12 won/lost record and 184 strikeouts; and

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

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

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

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

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Oswalt gives much of his credit for his pinpoint
29 accuracy and overall success in baseball to his father, Billy Joe
30 Oswalt, who threw the baseball to Mr. Oswalt when he was a child
31 almost every day of the year; and

32 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this great
33 achievement in athletic excellence by a Mississippi citizen, who
34 is a mentor and role model for millions of young athletes, and has
35 brought honor to his community, his college and the State of
36 Mississippi:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Roy
39 Edward Oswalt on his being selected the Most Valuable Player of
40 the 2005 National League Championship Series, and we wish him
41 continued success both on and off the baseball field.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
43 Mr. Roy Oswalt and be made available to members of the Capitol
44 Press Corps.