

By: Representatives Martinson, Baker (74th)

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BIANCA KNIGHT ON BEING  
2 SELECTED AS *THE CLARION-LEDGER* 2006 CO-SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR  
3 AND COMMENDING HER ON ALL OF HER ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Bianca Knight, a successful senior at Ridgeland  
5 High School, has been chosen as the 2006 Mississippi  
6 Co-sportsperson of the Year by *The Clarion-Ledger*, which is the  
7 first time that the award has been bestowed on high school  
8 athletes; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Knight, who is known as having "million-dollar  
10 legs" for sprinting, began her track career at the age of 12 and  
11 since that time she has won 12 individual high school state  
12 titles; and

13 WHEREAS, known for helping put the Ridgeland Titans on the  
14 map in athletics, Ms. Knight has received numerous national  
15 awards, some of which are as follows: All *USA Today* Girls Track  
16 Team 2005 and 2006; *American Track and Field Magazine* Athlete of  
17 the Week and *Track and Field News Magazine* Athlete of the Month  
18 and the Gatorade National Girls Track and Field Athlete of the  
19 Year for 2006, which makes Ms. Knight the first athlete in any  
20 sport from this state to receive the national Gatorade award; and

21 WHEREAS, in addition to her national merits, Ms. Knight has  
22 also received numerous state awards, some of which are as follows:  
23 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame "Pops State Awards" 2004, 2005 and  
24 2006; Gatorade Mississippi Girls Track and Field Athlete of the  
25 Year 2005 and 2006; *The Clarion-Ledger's* Miss Track and Field  
26 2004-2006 and All-State Track and Field Team 2003-2006; and

27           WHEREAS, Ms. Knight has broken state and national records and  
28 has competed in various parts of the world including the IAAF  
29 World Youth Championships in Morocco in 2005 where she was a World  
30 Youth Leader in the 100m dash; and

31           WHEREAS, although Ms. Knight has received worldwide  
32 attention, she has brought additional honor to Ridgeland High  
33 School and Coach Calvin Bolton by exhibiting a winning and  
34 cooperative spirit and a superb degree of sportsmanship; and

35           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
36 and commend excellence in a young person of this state, such as  
37 Ms. Knight, who exhibits superior athletic ability and confidence:

38           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
40 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Ms. Bianca  
41 Knight on being chosen as *The Clarion-Ledger* 2006 Co-sportsperson  
42 of the Year and extend heartiest wishes for all of her future  
43 endeavors.

44           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
45 furnished to Ms. Bianca Knight, Ridgeland High School and to the  
46 members of the Capitol Press Corps.