

By: Representatives Snowden, Barnett,
Dickson, Holloway, Horne, Hudson, Robinson
(84th), Weathersby, Young

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 70

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. WANDA JOHNSON FOR HER ATHLETICISM
2 AND CONGRATULATING HER ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2006 AT&T FEMALE
3 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR FOR THE STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI HELD
4 ANNUALLY IN MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Wanda Johnson is a spirited and energetic
6 50-year-old volleyball player from Crystal Springs, Mississippi,
7 who has been selected as the 2006 AT&T Female Sportsman of the
8 Year for the State Games of Mississippi held annually in Meridian,
9 Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, this celebrated award honors athletes who personify
11 the ideals of the State Games, such as participation,
12 sportsmanship, achievement, effort and positive attitude; and

13 WHEREAS, all of the State Game's ideals are personified by
14 Ms. Johnson's commitment to practice and when she competes and
15 interacts socially with other athletes; and

16 WHEREAS, her commitment to the sport is further evidenced by
17 her 45-minute commute twice every weekend to participate in
18 pick-up games at Liberty Park in Madison, Mississippi, to practice
19 with the Jackson volleyball players, her travels to many of the
20 popular tournament venues in Coconut Beach in New Orleans, Mangos
21 in Baton Rouge, Fudpuckers in Ft. Walton Beach and any other
22 tournaments she can find; and

23 WHEREAS, although her passion for volleyball developed in her
24 late 30s after her children were grown and out of the house, she
25 plays very competitively in a sport that is dominated by males;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, she has competed in the State Games of Mississippi
28 for 10 years and has won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in both
29 the men's and women's division; and

30 WHEREAS, for the last few years, she has continued to compete
31 with a foot injury and remains an inspiration to all athletes:
32 male, female, young or old; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
34 recognize and commend outstanding Mississippi athletes who are an
35 inspiration to all:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
38 commend Ms. Wanda Johnson for her athleticism and congratulate her
39 on being selected as the 2006 AT&T Female Sportsman of the Year
40 for the State Games of Mississippi held annually in Meridian,
41 Mississippi.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
43 furnished to Ms. Wanda Johnson and to the members of the Capitol
44 Press Corps.