

By: Senator(s) Michel

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING RACHEL RENEE GIVAN  
2 OF RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL ON BEING SELECTED AS *THE CLARION-LEDGER'S*  
3 2006 CO-SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR FOR ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Rachel Givan, an outstanding senior at Ridgeland  
5 High School, has been chosen as the 2006 Co-Sportsperson of the  
6 Year by *The Clarion-Ledger*, which is the first time that the award  
7 has been bestowed on high school athletes; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Givan, who has an impressive 3.5 grade point  
9 average, has led Ridgeland High School to four consecutive Class  
10 4A State Championships in soccer, and she was a starter on the  
11 2005 Under-17 United States National Team; and

12 WHEREAS, known for her speed, quickness, strength, power and  
13 agility, Ms. Givan has received numerous awards, some of which are  
14 as follows: Mississippi's Overall Player of the Year 2005; *The*  
15 *Clarion-Ledger's* Miss Soccer 2005; 4A Soccer Player of the Year;  
16 Gatorade Soccer Player of the Year; Wendy's Heisman Nominee;  
17 *Parade* High School All-American 2006; All-District 5 times --  
18 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007; Mississippi Association of  
19 Coaches All-State, 3 times -- 2003, 2004 and 2005; Mississippi  
20 Association of Coaches 4A Player of the Year, 3 times -- 2003,  
21 2004 and 2005; *The Clarion-Ledger* All-State Team, 3 times -- 2005,  
22 2006 and 2007; National Soccer Coaches Association of  
23 America-NSCAA/Adidas All-American, 4 times -- 2004, 2005, 2006 and  
24 2007; 16 and under, 17 and under, US National Team Member --  
25 2004-2006; Pop Warner, Pop-Star Finalist, 5 times -- 2003, 2004,  
26 2005, 2006 and 2007; University of North Carolina, full

27 scholarship; and Captain of 5-time defending 4A State Champions,  
28 Ridgeland Titans; and

29 WHEREAS, Rachel excels on the soccer field; she also is  
30 committed to her community where she has volunteered at a shelter  
31 home, the Ridgeland soccer camp, Mississippi Fire soccer camp, and  
32 Top Soccer which is soccer for children with disabilities; and

33 WHEREAS, Ms. Givan's superior athletic abilities have enabled  
34 her to travel all over the world, playing in tournaments as far  
35 away as Massachusetts and Brazil where she performed superbly; and

36 WHEREAS, although Ms. Givan has received worldwide attention,  
37 she has brought additional honor to Ridgeland High School and  
38 Coach Josh Avenmarg by displaying a winning and cooperative spirit  
39 and a superb degree of sportsmanship both on and off the soccer  
40 field; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
42 outstanding young soccer star, who has brought honor to her  
43 school, community and to the State of Mississippi:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Ms. Rachel  
46 Renee Givan on being selected as *The Clarion-Ledger's* 2006  
47 Co-Sportsperson of the Year and extend our best wishes to her and  
48 her family on all of her future endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
50 furnished to Ms. Rachel Givan, Ridgeland High School and to the  
51 members of the Capitol Press Corps.