

By: Senator(s) Carmichael, Barnett, Burton, Dearing, Frazier, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd), Watson To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 609

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ARMANI
2 LEWIS ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2015 STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI
3 AT&T MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, based on the national program, the State Games of
5 Mississippi established the annual "Athlete of the Year" Award to
6 recognize Mississippi's amateur athletes. Coaches, officials,
7 athletes, volunteers and spectators nominated one male and one
8 female athlete from each of the 37 sports for the award. The
9 nominated athletes personify the ideals of the State Games
10 movement, such as participation, sportsmanship, special
11 attributes, achievements, efforts and positive attitudes; and

12 WHEREAS, Armani Lewis is a senior at Clinton High School and,
13 although baseball is his first love, he is a two-sport athlete at
14 Clinton High School. He is a three-year starter at third base for
15 the Arrow Varsity Baseball Team and a three-year starting
16 cornerback on the defensive side for the Clinton High School
17 Football Team; and



18 WHEREAS, Armani developed his love of sports from his dad,
19 who was his first coach in T-ball, basketball and football. As a
20 child he loved to play ball, any kind of ball would do. His first
21 toy was not a stuffed teddy bear but rather a stuffed football;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, when asked who inspired him to play sports, his
24 answer is always quick and easy: "My dad. I can't thank God
25 enough for my dad and what he means to me. My dad knows what it
26 takes to be able to move your game to the next level. He has
27 often told me the story of how he entered college on an academic
28 scholarship and walked onto the football field and, through hard
29 work and dedication, he became an NFL cornerback for five-time
30 Superbowl Champions, the San Francisco 49er's"; and

31 WHEREAS, Armani has led his baseball team from the offensive
32 side of the plate. He captured the title of Offensive Player of
33 the Year in 2012, 2013 and 2015. He also received the Most
34 Valuable Player Award in 2013 and Rookie of the Year in 2014; and

35 WHEREAS, not only has Armani led the Clinton Arrow Baseball
36 Program, he has also led his district and the State of Mississippi
37 in baseball. He was selected for the All-State District 4-6/A
38 Team. Armani was also selected for All-Star Baseball for the
39 State Games of Mississippi in 2014 and 2015. His 2015 District 6
40 Team won the Overall State Games Championship. Armani was
41 selected as one of the Top 20 Juniors in the state and was invited
42 to play in the prestigious Junior Sunbelt Classic held in



McAlester, Oklahoma. Armani was also selected for the Mississippi Elite Underclassmen Showcase presented by BSN Sports to showcase his skills to college and pro scouts; and

WHEREAS, from these 37 athletes, only two are chosen to receive the honor of "Athlete of the Year." The State Games keeps its entry fees low primarily through the generous donations of sponsors, including Founding Gold Sponsor: Meridian Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Rush Hospital; and Gold Sponsors: AT&T, Maples Gas, City of Meridian, McDonald's, Meridian-Lauderdale County Tourism Bureau/Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors, Structural Steel, WTOK-TV and WMDN/WGBC-TV. The chosen "Athletes of the Year" will visit the State Capitol in Jackson, where the Governor will bestow them with a recognition of their achievement and they will have the honor and fame of lighting the torch at the 2015 Opening Ceremonies of the State Games; and

WHEREAS, Armani Lewis is an excellent role model for a balanced and healthy lifestyle. He is the perfect example of fitness and dedication that the State Games of Mississippi promotes; and

WHEREAS, the State Games of Mississippi is proud to have Armani Lewis as its "Male Athlete of the Year," and it is with great pride that we recognize this young Mississippi athlete who has brought honor to his community and state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That



68 we do hereby commend and congratulate Armani Lewis on being
69 selected as the 2015 State Games of Mississippi AT&T Male Athlete
70 of the Year and express best wishes for continued success in all
71 of his future endeavors.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
73 Armani Lewis and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

