

By: Representative Snowden

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MEGAN  
2 HEGGIE OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, FOR BEING NAMED THE 2016 STATE  
3 GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI "YOUTH ATHLETE OF THE YEAR."

4 WHEREAS, each year, the State Games of Mississippi recognizes  
5 an outstanding youth, male and female athlete from each of the  
6 individual sports, nominated based on their merit and  
7 sportsmanship by coaches, officials, athletes, volunteers and  
8 spectators, but only three athletes are chosen to receive the  
9 elite honor of "Athlete of the Year"; and

10 WHEREAS, Megan Heggie of Meridian, Mississippi, a 12-year-old  
11 swimming phenomenon who has been participating in the State Games  
12 of Mississippi since 2012, is the 2016 "Youth Athlete of the Year"  
13 and personifies the ideals of the State Games movement, including  
14 participation, sportsmanship, special attributes, achievements,  
15 efforts and positive attitude; and

16 WHEREAS, swimming as if she has fish fins, Megan has won 17  
17 gold medals in individual events and five in relay events since  
18 she began competing in the State Games of Mississippi, and during



19 the 2016 games, she swam with the largest age group at the meet  
20 yet still finished with high honors, including placing in the top  
21 eight in all of her events and breaking eight team records; and

22 WHEREAS, Megan's immense talent has propelled her to Lincoln,  
23 Nebraska, for the 2016 State Games of America swimming  
24 competition, where her athletic prowess won her a bronze medal in  
25 the 400-meter free style event; and

26 WHEREAS, her form, poise and buoyancy in the pool and  
27 particularly during competition are truly unparalleled, and during  
28 her 2016 Mississippi Swim Association (MSA) meets, she crushed 20  
29 individual 11-12 MSA Girls' team records and helped her teammates  
30 break four different relay records, proving that her aquatic  
31 abilities truly rival the likes of legendary swimmers such as  
32 Katie Ledecky; and

33 WHEREAS, Megan benefits the Mississippi Swim Association with  
34 her expertise and capability from the moment she dives into the  
35 pool until she towels off, a fact authenticated by earning, for  
36 the third year in a row, the Coaches Award, Most Improved Swimmer  
37 Award and Most Outstanding Swimmer Award at the Mississippi Swim  
38 Association banquet held each year; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
40 and commend outstanding young Mississippi athletes, especially  
41 those such as Megan Heggie, who has exceeded all expectations of  
42 greatness and brought honor to her school, the City of Meridian  
43 and to the great Magnolia State:



44           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
46 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Megan Heggie  
47 of Meridian, Mississippi, for being named the 2016 State Games of  
48 Mississippi "Youth Athlete of the Year" and express best wishes  
49 for continued success in all of her future athletic endeavors.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 furnished to Megan Heggie and to the members of the Capitol Press  
52 Corps.

