

By: Senator(s) Carmichael, Barnett, Dearing, Jackson (32nd), Michel, Watson To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 586

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING KEN
2 HALL BARNETT ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2017 STATE GAMES OF
3 MISSISSIPPI 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, Financial Consultant Ken Hall Barnett is a big fan
13 of Pickleball, which was a new sport at the State Games this year.
14 "I played in the Mid-South Regional at the University of Louisiana
15 and won a Silver Medal in the Men's Doubles for 60+. My doubles
16 partner and I spearheaded the effort to bring Pickleball to the
17 Country Club of Jackson, and we now have more than 50 members of
18 our club playing"; and



19 WHEREAS, Ken Hall Barnett entered the 60 & Over Men's
20 Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles at this year's State Games, and
21 won in all events. "I played tennis for a long time," he said,
22 "and now really enjoy Pickleball." Ken Hall has been in the
23 investment industry for 35 years, and is married to Cherri
24 Barnett, a longtime Teacher and Director of Ballet Mississippi;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, this year, the State Games are honoring athletes
27 from 37 sports from the 2017 State Games of Mississippi. From
28 these 37 athletes, only three are chosen to receive the honor of
29 "Athlete of the Year." The State Games keeps its entry fees low
30 primarily through the generous donations of sponsors, including
31 Founding Gold Sponsor: Meridian Coca-Cola Bottling Company and
32 Rush Hospital; and Gold Sponsors: AT&T, BlueCross BlueShield of
33 Mississippi, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians/Pearl River
34 Resort, Meridian-Lauderdale County Tourism Bureau/Lauderdale
35 County Board of Supervisors, Structural Steel, WTOK-TV, *The*
36 *Meridian Star* and WMDN/WGBC-TV. The chosen "Athletes of the Year"
37 will visit the State Capitol in Jackson, where the Governor will
38 bestow them with a recognition of their achievement and they will
39 have the honor and fame of lighting the torch at the 2018 Opening
40 Ceremonies of the State Games; and

41 WHEREAS, Ken Hall Barnett is an excellent role model for a
42 balanced and healthy lifestyle. He is the perfect example of



43 fitness and dedication that the State Games of Mississippi
44 promotes; and

45 WHEREAS, the State Games of Mississippi is proud to have Ken
46 Hall Barnett as its "Male Athlete of the Year," and it is with
47 great pride that we recognize this Mississippi athlete who has
48 brought honor to his community and state:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
51 we do hereby commend and congratulate Ken Hall Barnett on being
52 selected as the 2017 State Games of Mississippi AT&T Male Athlete
53 of the Year, and express best wishes for continued success in all
54 of his future endeavors.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
56 Ken Hall Barnett and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

