

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

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 588

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SUNNY  
2 LOGAN ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2017 STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI  
3 AT&T YOUTH 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, thirteen-year-old Sunny Logan was undefeated in the  
13 2017 State Games, an attitude she brought to her battle with  
14 Burkitt's Lymphoma, a rare cancer of the lymph nodes. Diagnosed  
15 at the age of 10, Sunny faced the disease head-on at St. Jude  
16 Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, where breakthrough  
17 medicine has pushed survival rates to 90 percent for the type of  
18 cancer Logan suffered from. In 2017, Sunny was the G14 Sweet 16



19 Champion, and the G12/G14 Candy Classic Champion in both 2016 and  
20 2017. Also in 2017, Sunny was the Girl Singles 4-A Champion; and

21 WHEREAS, Sunny was featured on the "Today" show for her  
22 courageous battle with cancer. On the show, she talked about  
23 meeting Maria Sharapova. "We had been talking about her all day,"  
24 Sunny told Matt Lauer live on Today. "I was hitting some serves  
25 and I turn around, and there she is, I was just speechless. I did  
26 not know what to do!"; and

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

42 WHEREAS, Sunny Logan is an excellent role model for a  
43 balanced and healthy lifestyle. She is the perfect example of



44 fitness and dedication that the State Games of Mississippi  
45 promotes, and it is with great pride that we recognize this  
46 Mississippi citizen who has brought honor to her community and  
47 state:

48       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
50 we do hereby commend and congratulate Sunny Logan on being  
51 selected as the 2017 State Games of Mississippi AT&T Youth Athlete  
52 of the Year, and extend best wishes to Sunny, her family and  
53 sponsors on this honor.

54       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
55 Sunny Logan and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

