

By: Representatives Calvert, Evans (45th),  
Horne, Smith, Young

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING CHET NICKLAS ON  
2 BEING SELECTED AS THE 2020 STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI OVERALL MALE  
3 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, Chet Nicklas is the 2020 Male Athlete of the Year  
5 for the State Games of Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, this award was created to celebrate and recognize  
7 Mississippi's amateur athletes by nominations from coaches,  
8 officials, athletes, volunteers, and spectators who choose one  
9 male, one female and one youth athlete who personifies the ideals  
10 of participation, sportsmanship, special attributes, achievements,  
11 efforts and positive attitudes of the State Games movement; and

12 WHEREAS, Chet Nicklas, a native of Enterprise, Mississippi, a  
13 5K runner, was victorious in the 5K and Trail Run this year at the  
14 State Games; and

15 WHEREAS, a chemistry teacher, football coach and bus driver  
16 at Clarkdale High School, the versatile athlete is also the youth  
17 leader at Linwood Baptist Church in Union, and athletic prowess is



18 a family affair for the Nicklas family — his two sons (5th and 3rd  
19 grades) have competed and placed in the State Games; and

20 WHEREAS, Chet is pursuing a Doctor of Education in Rural  
21 Education from the University of West Alabama on top of all of his  
22 other responsibilities, and what makes his running — he has won  
23 more than 20 medals during his career — even more remarkable is  
24 that Chet suffers from asthma; and

25 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
26 recognize fine Mississippi athletes such as Chet Nicklas as its  
27 "Male Athlete of the Year," who has brought honor to his community  
28 and to the State of Mississippi:

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
30 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
31 commend and congratulate Chet Nicklas on being selected as the  
32 2020 State Games of Mississippi Overall Male Athlete of the Year,  
33 and express best wishes for continued success in all of his future  
34 endeavors.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
36 furnished to Chet Nicklas and to the members of the Capitol Press  
37 Corps.

