

By: Representative Calvert

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HUNTER
2 LUIS MELENDEZ ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2021 STATE GAMES OF
3 MISSISSIPPI OVERALL MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, Hunter Luis Melendez is the 2021 Male Athlete of the
5 Year 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, Hunter Luis Melendez, a 22-year-old resident of
13 Laurel, Mississippi, a Track and Field Contender, was victorious
14 in the 100-meter and 200-meter Track and Field events during the
15 2021 State Games; and

16 WHEREAS, one who is no stranger to having overcome the
17 challenges of adversity and placing your athletic dreams on hold,
18 Hunter Luiz Melendez opted to decline numerous collegiate offers



19 to run track in order to serve as caretaker for his ailing
20 grandmother, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease; and

21 WHEREAS, despite the seemingly insurmountable odds after
22 breaking his foot in 2017, which rendered him unable to complete
23 the last month of his senior year of high school in the
24 competitive sports arena, coupled with ongoing family crises,
25 Hunter sought out a remarkable coach, and summoned the strength to
26 persevere, maxing out at his personal best run times in the
27 100-meter and 200-meter to capture the State Games gold in those
28 events, which were added tangible trophies of his determination
29 and grit to be showcased with his previous State Game gold
30 finishes in 2018, 2019 and 2020; and

31 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
32 fine Mississippi athletes such as Hunter Luis Melendez as its
33 "Male Athlete of the Year," who has brought honor to his community
34 and to the State of Mississippi:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
36 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
37 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Hunter Luis
38 Melendez on being selected as the 2021 State Games of Mississippi
39 Overall Male Athlete of the Year, and express best wishes for
40 continued success in all of his future endeavors.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to Hunter Luis Melendez and to the members of the
43 Capitol Press Corps.

