

By: Representative Calvert

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COOPER
2 CONNER FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE 2021 STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI
3 OVERALL YOUTH ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, Cooper Conner is the 2021 State Games of Mississippi
5 Overall Youth Athlete of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Cooper's resilience was tested in March 2020 when he
7 fractured his ankle during a game, and was confined to a
8 wheelchair, and transitioning to crutches before he could walk
9 again, yet he came back faster and stronger, playing with his team
10 in August 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, Cooper, the 12-year-old Youth Athlete of the Year
12 from Wiggins, Mississippi, faced a devastating time before his
13 first soccer game, due to his father's suffering a massive heart
14 attack, and having to shoulder the weight of worry during his
15 travels to Meridian to stay with his soccer coach and team while
16 his dad lay in surgery; and

17 WHEREAS, mustering the courage to surmount the immense fear
18 of uncertainty associated with his father's health, Cooper



19 evidenced a respectable level of bravery and maturity when he said
20 "I know my Dad would want me to play, and I can't let my coach or
21 teammates down"; and

22 WHEREAS, while Cooper played in the soccer competition
23 Saturday, his father died that afternoon, and even after hearing
24 and digesting the awful news, Cooper decided to remain and play
25 the Sunday games in honor of his father, and even made a goal
26 during the Sunday game from a penalty kick; and

27 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
28 and commend outstanding Mississippians, especially those such as
29 Cooper Conner, whose resilience and zealous dedication to his
30 family and his team, bring honor to his community and to the State
31 of Mississippi:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
34 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Cooper Conner
35 on being selected as the 2021 State Games of Mississippi Overall
36 Youth Athlete of the Year, and extend best wishes for continued
37 success in all of his future endeavors.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 furnished to Cooper Conner and to the members of the Capitol Press
40 Corps.

