

By: Representatives Calvert, Evans (45th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 74

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. LEEROY  
2 CARPENTER ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2022 STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI  
3 OVERALL MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, LeeRoy Carpenter is the 2022 Male Athlete of the  
5 Year for the 31st annual installment of the State Games of  
6 Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, based on the national program, the State Games of  
8 Mississippi awards were created to celebrate and recognize  
9 Mississippi's amateur athletes by nominations from coaches,  
10 officials, athletes, volunteers, and spectators who choose one  
11 male, one female and one youth athlete who personifies the ideals  
12 of participation, sportsmanship, special attributes, achievements,  
13 efforts and positive attitudes of the State Games movement; and

14 WHEREAS, LeeRoy Carpenter, of DeKalb, Mississippi, a distance  
15 runner, who has participated in the 5K events for the past five  
16 years was victorious in the 5K event during the 2022 State Games;  
17 and



18           WHEREAS, one who has endured several personal health  
19 challenges throughout his life, Mr. Carpenter has surmounted the  
20 challenges of the various adversities faced and doubts cast by  
21 naysayers on his ability to overcome and has persevered with  
22 ardent tenacity; and

23           WHEREAS, having been run over by a truck as a child and  
24 informed by the doctor that he would never walk again, not only  
25 did Mr. Carpenter regain his ability to walk, but he ran with  
26 fervor, and was subsequently faced with a heart attack and two  
27 bouts with cancer over which he triumphed; and

28           WHEREAS, encouraged and inspired by his daughter to change  
29 his dietary approach and incorporate an exercise regimen into his  
30 daily routine, Mr. Carpenter gained a new lease on life which  
31 evidenced itself in the health benefits he enjoys while running  
32 alone, or as a form of bonding with his daughter, Latora; and

33           WHEREAS, a three-time Meridian half-marathon competitor, Mr.  
34 Carpenter brings a smile to each event wherein he competes and is  
35 an inspiration to his fellow participants; and

36           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
37 recognize fine Mississippi athletes such as Mr. Carpenter as its  
38 "Male Athlete of the Year," who has brought honor to his community  
39 and to the State of Mississippi:

40           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
42 commend and congratulate Mr. LeeRoy Carpenter on being selected as



43 the 2022 State Games of Mississippi Overall Male Athlete of the  
44 Year, and express best wishes for continued success in all his  
45 future endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
47 furnished to Mr. LeeRoy Carpenter and to the members of the  
48 Capitol Press Corps.

