By: Senator(s) Tate, Barnett, Butler (38th), To: Rules Jackson, McCaughn

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 69

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. LEEROY
CARPENTER ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2022 STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI
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

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 personify the ideals of

12 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;

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- 18 WHEREAS, as one who has overcome several serious health
- 19 challenges throughout his life, Mr. Carpenter persevered in this
- 20 challenge with the same tenacity; and
- 21 WHEREAS, encouraged and inspired by his daughter, Latora, to
- 22 change his dietary approach and incorporate an exercise regimen
- 23 into his daily routine, Mr. Carpenter gained a new lease on life,
- 24 which allows him health benefits to enjoy running alone, or
- 25 running and bonding with his daughter; and
- 26 WHEREAS, a three-time Meridian Half-Marathon Competitor, Mr.
- 27 Carpenter brings a smile to each event wherein he competes and is
- 28 an inspiration to his fellow participants; and
- 29 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
- 30 Mississippi athlete as its "Male Athlete of the Year," who has
- 31 brought honor to his community and to the State of Mississippi:
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
- 33 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. LeeRoy
- 34 Carpenter on being selected as the 2022 State Games of Mississippi
- 35 Overall "Male Athlete of the Year", and express best wishes for
- 36 continued success in all his future endeavors.
- 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
- 38 Mr. LeeRoy Carpenter and made available to the members of the
- 39 Capitol Press Corps.