

By: Representative Wallace

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LILLY OVERBY OF
2 MENDENHALL, MISSISSIPPI, ON BEING NAMED GATORADE MISSISSIPPI GIRLS
3 CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, Lilly Overby, a student at Simpson County Academy in
5 Mendenhall, Mississippi, recently was named the 2024-2025 Gatorade
6 Mississippi Girls Cross Country Player of the Year, bringing great
7 honor to her family, school and community as the first student
8 ever selected for the renowned award from her school; and

9 WHEREAS, Gatorade Player of the Year, which recognizes not
10 only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of
11 academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated in the
12 classroom and community, distinguishes Overby as Mississippi's
13 best high school girls cross country athlete and makes her a
14 finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Cross Country
15 Player of the Year title; and

16 WHEREAS, the 5-foot-5 Overby, who finished the 2024-2025
17 season unbeaten in in-state competition, broke the tape at the
18 Mississippi Association of Independent Schools Class 5A state



19 meet, impressively leading the Simpson Academy Cougars to third
20 place as a team, and also won the Watson High School XC Classic
21 with an incredible personal best time of 17:53:30; and

22 WHEREAS, owning the third-fastest girls prep 5K in state
23 history, the junior phenomenally clocked Mississippi's fastest
24 girls prep 5K for the fall of 2024, won seven of her 10 races in
25 the last season, and improved immensely from 142nd at the national
26 RunningLane Championships in 2023 to 60th place in 2024; and

27 WHEREAS, when not running with the Cougars, Overby, boasting
28 a 3.68 GPA, remains busy in school tirelessly serving as her class
29 president for the fifth year, a chapel leader and member of the
30 school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter; and

31 WHEREAS, outside of school, Overby maintains an active
32 schedule serving in her community as a member of Mendenhall's
33 Mayor's Youth Council and as a Hoby Mississippi Leadership
34 Ambassador, in addition to selflessly volunteering countless hours
35 of her time on behalf of Operation Christmas Child and Diamond
36 Dolls; and

37 WHEREAS, it is the custom of the House of Representatives to
38 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the
39 outstanding accomplishments of a remarkable young citizen of our
40 state such as Lilly Overby, whose excellence on the cross country
41 course and beyond brings honor to her school, community and the
42 entire State of Mississippi:



43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
45 commend and congratulate Lilly Overby upon being named Gatorade
46 Mississippi Girls Cross Country Player of the Year and extend best
47 wishes for continued success in her senior season and in all her
48 future endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 furnished to Lilly Overby and to the members of the Capitol Press
51 Corps.

