

By: Senator(s) Simmons (13th), Simmons
(12th), Blackmon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 534

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING TRACK AND
2 FIELD COMPETITION CAREER OF GENTRY HIGH SCHOOL AND FLORIDA STATE
3 UNIVERSITY ALL-AMERICAN JANET DAVIS.

4 WHEREAS, we join the Mississippi track and field competition
5 community and the citizens of Indianola, Mississippi, in
6 recognizing the sporting championships and accomplishments of
7 Janet Davis; and

8 WHEREAS, Janet Davis won her first medal for track and field
9 when she was eight years old at Carver Elementary School. She
10 acquired her speed by racing with her 16 brothers and sisters.
11 She joined her local track team, the "Indianola Track Club,"
12 started by her Physical Education Teacher Mr. Lott. In 1977, at
13 age 12, she won her first Gold Medal in Tokyo, Japan. At her
14 young age, she was racing all over the country competing in cross
15 country, indoor track and outdoor track, and her victories in
16 competition brought recognition to the USA and her small hometown.
17 However, Janet nor her team received the attention they deserved;
18 and



WHEREAS, this is a record of Janet Davis' track and field accomplishments:

Indianola Track Club Records:

- Eight-year-old AAU Cross Country Champion in the mile;
- Nine-year-old AAU Cross Country Champion in the mile;
- 1981, 15-16 age group 100 Meter National Champion in Los Angelos, California;
- Member of Gentry High School State Championship Team;
- Triple Crown Winner of Mississippi State Championship, winning the 100-, 200-, and 440-yard dash;
- Youngest member of the 1981 National Sports Festival South Team in Syracuse, New York. Finished third in the 100 meters behind two former Olympians, Evelyn Ashford and Jeannette Boldin. Also, finished third in the 200 meters behind Florence Griffith Joyner (FloJo) and Jeannette Boldin;
- Member of Gentry High School Mississippi State Championship Team anchoring the 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400 relay; and

1982-1983 Records:

- Swept the most coveted award at Gentry High School as a Junior, "Athlete of the Year";
- Overall State Record Holder in 100- and 220-yard dash;
- Triple Crown Winner in State Championship, winning the 100, 200, and 400 meters;
- Winner of the 1982 National High School Track All-American Award;



44 • Ranked #1 in the Nation by *Track & Field News* magazine in
45 the 100 and 200 meters;
46 • USA National Champion in 100-meter dash in Kansas;
47 • Member of Gentry High School State Championship Team
48 anchoring the 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400 meters relay;
49 • Made USA Junior National Team in Caracas, Venezuela.
50 Anchored the last leg in 4x100 meters relay;
51 • Ranked #1 in the indoor 60-yard dash in the February issue
52 of *Track & Field News* magazine;
53 • Member of Gentry High School State Track Championship
54 Team;
55 • Youngest Member of USA Senior Team in Tokyo, Japan, as an
56 11th Grader;
57 • Member of Adidas All-American Team, American Textile
58 All-American Team, TFA/USA All-American Team, TAC/USA Junior and
59 Senior All-American Team;
60 • Mississippi State *Clarion Ledger* Athlete of the Year Award
61 1983;
62 • National High School Record Holder in indoor 220-yard dash
63 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana;
64 • No. 1 recruited athlete in the country;
65 • Second Place Prep Athlete of the Year;
66 • Mississippi State Champion in the 100, 200, and 400
67 meters;



68 • Member of State Championship Team, anchoring the 4x100,
69 4x200, and 4x400 meters relay;

70 • Gentry High School Triple Crown State Champion in 100-,
71 200-, and 400-meters relay;

72 • From 1981-1983, she never lost a race at the State
73 Championship;

74 • Received a full Track & Field Scholarship from Florida
75 State University; and

76 **1984 Florida State University Records:**

77 • Member of Gentry High School winning Mississippi State
78 Championship Team three years in a row;

79 • Owned the Mississippi State Records in the 100-, 200-, and
80 400-yard dash;

81 • Ran in the 1984 Olympic Trials in Los Angeles, California;

82 • Became a six-time All-American at Florida State
83 University;

84 • Three-time All-American as a Freshman at Florida State
85 University;

86 • Member of Florida State National Track and Field
87 Championship Team, running first leg of collegiate record-setting
88 4x400 relay team, placed sixth in the 200 meters, and sixth in the
89 400 meters;

90 • Ran the 7th fastest 60 meters indoor time in the world;

91 • Gentry High School Track jersey was retired;

92 • Inducted into Gentry High School Hall of Fame; and



93 WHEREAS, former Florida State Seminole and 1983 Gentry High
94 School graduate in Indianola, Mississippi, Janet Davis was a
95 member of the 1984 NCAA Championship Team at Florida State
96 University and was a six-time All-American. She belongs to the
97 university's Top 25 Club in the 100, 200 and 400 with times of
98 11.5, 23.13 and 52.77 in each respective event; and

99 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we offer this past-due
100 recognition to an award-winning Mississippi athlete who has
101 brought honor to her family, her hometown, her university and to
102 the State of Mississippi:

103 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
104 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
105 we do hereby recognize the outstanding track and field competition
106 career of Gentry High School and Florida State University
107 All-American Janet Davis, and extend to Janet and her family our
108 thanks and best wishes for future success.

109 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
110 Janet Davis, forwarded to the Principal of Gentry High School and
111 the Sunflower County Board of Education, and be made available to
112 the Capitol Press Corps.

