

By: Representatives Young, Bourdeaux, Horne, To: Rules  
Robinson (84th)

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9  
(As Adopted by House)

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. CASEY HENRY ON BEING NAMED THE  
2 1998 BELLSOUTH MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AT THE 1998 STATE GAMES OF  
3 MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Casey Henry, a resident of Shannon, Mississippi,  
5 was named the 1998 BellSouth Male Athlete of the Year, which is a  
6 program that strives to honor athletes who represent pride in  
7 personal achievement, physical fitness and teamwork along with  
8 exemplary motivation, attitude and sportsmanship; and

9 WHEREAS, the 1998 State Games of Mississippi were held in  
10 Meridian on June 19-28, 1998, where more than 4,400 athletes  
11 ranging in age from 4 to 84 competed in 22 sports; and

12 WHEREAS, the State Games of Mississippi bring together  
13 amateur athletes from across the state to compete in an Olympic  
14 atmosphere, complete with opening ceremonies, lighting of the  
15 torch and a parade of athletes vying for gold, silver and bronze  
16 medals; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry is a 20-year-old, National Merit  
18 Scholarship recipient currently majoring in chemical engineering  
19 at Mississippi State University; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry's diverse sporting skills include scuba  
21 diving, long-distance running, racquetball, softball, volleyball,  
22 archery, rappelling, frisbee throwing, hiking, fishing and  
23 hunting; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry began his Judo career only four years ago  
25 when he was a student at the Mississippi School for Math and  
26 Science, where he joined the Judo Club; and

27           WHEREAS, in only a short time, Mr. Henry has advanced to a  
28 third degree brown belt and is currently a black belt candidate;  
29 and

30           WHEREAS, Mr. Henry works with young judo students as an  
31 assistant instructor at the Starkville Martial Arts Academy,  
32 advising them on the techniques and encouraging them to meet their  
33 challenges; and

34           WHEREAS, having competed in the State Games for the last  
35 three years, Mr. Henry has taken home a total of five medals in  
36 Judo, winning two silver medals in his first year of competition;  
37 and

38           WHEREAS, only weeks after foot surgery and a recommendation  
39 by his doctor not to compete, Mr. Henry's determination and  
40 competitive spirit had him back at the State Games his second  
41 year earning a gold and a bronze medal; and

42           WHEREAS, Mr. Henry took home the gold for the second  
43 consecutive time in his weight division in the 1998 State Games;  
44 and

45           WHEREAS, exemplifying sportsmanship, effort and a positive  
46 attitude, Mr. Henry was chosen the 1998 BellSouth Male Athlete of  
47 the Year for his golden participation and outstanding character  
48 traits; and

49           WHEREAS, Mr. Henry will have the opportunity to be one of the  
50 official torch runners in the 1999 State Games opening ceremonies  
51 and work with the State Games of Mississippi throughout the year  
52 to promote athletics for all Mississippians; and

53           WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the State of  
54 Mississippi finds it most appropriate to recognize and commend  
55 excellence, especially when evidenced by the young people of our  
56 state, who are its future:

57           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
59 commend and congratulate Mr. Casey Henry of Shannon, Mississippi,

60 on being named the 1998 BellSouth Male Athlete of the Year at the  
61 1998 State Games of Mississippi, and extend our heartiest wishes  
62 to him for every success in all his future endeavors.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
64 furnished to Mr. Casey Henry and the Capitol Press Corps.