

By: Representatives Snowden, Dickson, Horne, Nicholson, Robinson (84th), Young To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ANTHONY THOMAS
2 UPON BEING SELECTED 2001 STATE GAMES SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR.

3 WHEREAS, Anthony Thomas was selected by the State Games of
4 Mississippi to represent the 2001 State Games as the BellSouth
5 Sportsman of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, the award seeks to honor those athletes who
7 personify the ideals of the State Games movement, such as
8 participation, sportsmanship, achievement, effort and positive
9 attitude; and

10 WHEREAS, the tenth annual State Games of Mississippi was an
11 impressive success with many great athletes from all areas of
12 Mississippi competing in 24 sports in Lauderdale and Newton
13 counties and in the central ceremonies at Rae Stadium in Meridian,
14 Mississippi; and

15 WHEREAS, having participated in the State Games of
16 Mississippi for eight years as a soccer player, in 2001, Anthony
17 competed in the 1st annual Clash of the Champions Tournament,
18 winning a gold medal in the U-14 under age division; and

19 WHEREAS, Anthony, the winner of a gold medal in 2001 as a
20 member of the Meridian U-14 under soccer team, participates in the
21 athletics for the positive influence, sense of accomplishment and
22 character building in a spirit of competition; and

23 WHEREAS, Anthony's positive attitude and sportsmanship are
24 evident in all phases of his life; and

25 WHEREAS, the BellSouth Sportsman of the Year award honors the
26 foremost male and female sportsman of the year who represent the
27 true spirit of competition; and



28 WHEREAS, Anthony was selected Male Sportsman of the Year not
29 only for his athletic accomplishments, but also for his exemplary
30 sportsmanship; and

31 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
32 achievements of this student athlete, whose competitive spirit
33 brings honor to his school, his community and to the State of
34 Mississippi:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
36 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
37 commend and congratulate Anthony Thomas, the 2001 State Games
38 Sportsman of the Year, and wish him continued success in his
39 future scholastic and athletic endeavors.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
41 presented to Anthony and his family and be made available to the
42 Capitol Press Corps.

