

By: Representative Montgomery

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 69

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COACH MIKE BAIN  
2 FOR BEING NAMED THE 2003 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR.

3 WHEREAS, as a highly acclaimed coach in the South, Coach Bain  
4 won the designation as the 2003 National Coach of the Year from  
5 the National Federation of State High School Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Bain is the most winning boys cross-country  
7 coach in the United States and has won Southern Regional Coach of  
8 the Year two times and Mississippi Coach of the Year three times;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, in his 26 years as coach, Coach Bain has amassed 203  
11 wins v. 29 losses, 16 state championships and eight runners-up,  
12 and his teams finished first or second in 24 of 26 seasons; and

13 WHEREAS, in the early years, starting a cross-country team  
14 was difficult, but Coach Bain would often dig into his own pocket  
15 to buy uniforms because no school budget existed for a  
16 cross-country team; and

17 WHEREAS, few spectators and parents attended in the early  
18 years but Coach Bain was persistent and today scores of spectators  
19 gather to observe his cross-country teams; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Bain motivates the members of his  
21 cross-country team by keeping some goal in front of them such as  
22 running a hill affectionately called "heartbreak run"; and

23 WHEREAS, in response to winning the national title, Coach  
24 Bain is quoted as saying, "When I think about this award and what  
25 it means, I think about all of these kids and what they do to make  
26 this program successful--this is their award"; and

27           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
28 recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the  
29 remarkable sportsmanship of the coaches in our state:

30           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
31 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we hereby  
32 commend and congratulate Coach Mike Bain for being named the 2003  
33 National Coach of the Year.

34           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
35 furnished to Coach Mike Bain and members of the Capitol Press  
36 Corps.