

By: Senator(s) Carmichael, Jackson (32nd),
Burton

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LILLIAN ZAMORA
2 UPON BEING SELECTED BELLSOUTH FEMALE SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR AT THE
3 2003 STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Lillian Zamora, a 51-year-old track and field
5 participant in the 5K Run in the 2003 State Games of Mississippi,
6 from Quitman, Mississippi, has been selected as the BellSouth
7 Female Sportsman of the Year; and

8 WHEREAS, Lillian Zamora truly demonstrates the "Spirit of The
9 State Games." Her enthusiasm for running and love for Meridian,
10 Mississippi, the love and devotion she demonstrates daily to her
11 adopted country, the United States, conveys an inspiring story of
12 sacrifice, perseverance and determination to succeed and live the
13 American dream. Her husband, Dr. Ivan Zamora, a surgeon in
14 Quitman, and Lillian are well known and both are highly respected
15 for their competitive spirit; and

16 WHEREAS, the Zamora family story has not always been smooth
17 and easy. Lillian Zamora and her husband, Dr. Ivan Zamora,
18 migrated to the United States from her native country, Nicaragua,
19 over 30 years ago due to the political upheaval in that Central
20 American country. Living under a dictatorship at the time and the
21 subsequent takeover of the government by the communist following a
22 civil war forced the Zamora family to seek a more secure life in
23 the United States. For the past 24 years, the Zamoras have lived
24 in Quitman, Mississippi, where Dr. Zamora is a highly respected
25 surgeon, and the community respects and loves the Zamora family;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, consequently, the Zamora family of runners seek to
28 convey a powerful message that "everyone is a winner" who
29 participates in the State Games. Although Lillian and her
30 husband, Ivan, usually win trophies or medals in running events in
31 which they enter, their positive attitude projects a spirit that
32 stresses that winning is secondary to the joy and fellowship they
33 gain from developing new friends through this competitive
34 endeavor; and

35 WHEREAS, as evidence of her commitment is the following list
36 of running events in which she has participated and excelled since
37 taking up running at age 40: Clarke County Festival, 5K Walk,
38 1992, 1st Place; 2nd Place Master Female, 5K; S.M.A. Annual Fun
39 Run, Dallas, Texas, November 13, 1999; Single Bell Run, 5K
40 (45-49), Meridian, MS, 2000 and 2001; Run for Love, University of
41 Southern Mississippi, 1st Place, 2000 and 2001, 2nd Place, 2002;
42 13th Annual Laird 5K Run, Master Female, April 8, 2000; 14th
43 Annual Laird 5K Run (45-49), 1st Place, 2001; Biloxi Seafood
44 Festival, September 15, 2001, 2nd Place; Grand Master Female, Camp
45 Shelby, 1st Place; 20K Run, November 16, 2001; Mardi Gras
46 Marathon, 1/2 Marathon, February 17, 2002; Anderson Cup 15th
47 Annual, 3rd Place, April 4, 1998; Anderson Cup 17th Annual, 2nd
48 Place, April 15, 2000; Anderson Cup 20th Annual, 2nd Place, April
49 12, 2003; State Games of Mississippi, 10th, 11th and 12th
50 Anniversary, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively; Stennis Center 1/2
51 Marathon, November 2001; Orlando 1/2 Marathon, December 7, 2002;
52 Miami-Tropical 1/2 Marathon, February 2, 2003; Mardi Gras 1/2
53 Marathon, February 17, 2003; and Mardi Gras Marathon, February 17,
54 2003. Now 11 years later at age 51, she still maintains that same
55 positive attitude and enthusiasm of competing that first motivated
56 her to take up running as a means of achieving and maintaining
57 physical fitness; and

58 WHEREAS, Lillian Zamora's commitment of engaging and being
59 actively involved in programs promoting physical fitness and

60 maintaining a "spirit of camaraderie" with people of all ages,
61 races and ethnic groups makes her very popular and well liked by
62 all who know her; and

63 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize this
64 representative of the true spirit of the State Games of
65 Mississippi, who brings honor to her community and to the State of
66 Mississippi:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
68 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Lillian
69 Zamora of Quitman, Mississippi, for her accomplishments in being
70 selected as the 2003 BellSouth Female Sportsman of the Year, and
71 wish her continued success in her future athletic and public
72 service endeavors.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
74 Lillian and her family, and be made available to *The Meridian Star*
75 and the Capitol Press Corps.