

By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th), Walls,  
Harden, Browning, Frazier, Gordon, Jackson  
(32nd), Jordan, Simmons, Thomas

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING "ALL-STAR FIRST TEAM" AND "MR.  
2 BASKETBALL FOR 2006" RAVERN JOHNSON, JUNIOR FORWARD FOR THE  
3 COAHOMA COUNTY "RED PANTHERS" BASKETBALL TEAM.

4 WHEREAS, Coahoma County High School Junior Forward Ravern  
5 Johnson (6-6) is a prolific scorer adept at shooting jump shots or  
6 driving to the goal; and

7 WHEREAS, for his prowess and his outstanding 2005-2006  
8 season, Ravern Johnson has been named "Mr. Basketball for 2006,"  
9 the seventh underclassman to win the coveted award; and

10 WHEREAS, Johnson combines a dead-eye shooting touch from NBA  
11 3-point range with a quick first step and explosive leaping  
12 ability that combine to make him a shot-blocking threat; and

13 WHEREAS, Ravern Johnson and the Red Panthers (35-5) won a  
14 second straight Class 2A State Championship, en route to a No. 2  
15 overall ranking; and

16 WHEREAS, "I think this choice might surprise some people,"  
17 Coahoma County Coach Isaiah Peterson says. "The No. 1 player in  
18 the state is from right here in a little town of less than 500,  
19 over all those players in Jackson, the Gulf Coast and the whole  
20 State of Mississippi"; and

21 WHEREAS, his greatest basketball moment was repeating the 2A  
22 Title and his biggest influence is Coach Peterson; and

23 WHEREAS, Ravern's statistics for 2005-2006 are as follows:  
24 PPG: 23.0; RPG: 7.1; APG: 1.6; FT%: 84.3; and

25 WHEREAS, it is with pride that we recognize this basketball  
26 star who has brought honor to his school, community and to the  
27 State of Mississippi:

28           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
29   MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend "All-Star First Team" and  
30   "Mr. Basketball for 2006" Ravern Johnson, Junior Forward for the  
31   Coahoma County "Red Panthers" 2A State Champions, and extend to  
32   him and his family our best wishes for his future successes.

33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
34   Ravern Johnson and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.