

By: Representatives Martinson, Baker (74th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING RACHEL RENEE GIVAN ON
2 BEING SELECTED AS *THE CLARION-LEDGER'S* 2006 CO-SPORTSPERSON OF THE
3 YEAR AND COMMENDING HER ON ALL OF HER ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Rachel Givan, an outstanding senior at Ridgeland
5 High School, has been chosen as the 2006 Co-sportsperson of the
6 Year by *The Clarion-Ledger*, which is the first time that the award
7 has been bestowed on high school athletes; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Givan, who has an impressive 3.5 grade point
9 average, has led Ridgeland High School to four consecutive Class
10 4A State Championships in soccer, and she was a starter on the
11 2005 Under-17 United States National Team; and

12 WHEREAS, known for her speed, quickness, strength, power and
13 agility, Ms. Givan has received numerous awards, some of which are
14 as follows: Mississippi's Overall Player of the Year 2005, *The*
15 *Clarion-Ledger's* Miss Soccer 2005, 4A Soccer Player of the Year,
16 Gatorade Soccer Player of the Year, Wendy's Heisman Nominee,
17 Pop-Star Award for soccer, and *Parade* High School All American
18 2006; and

19 WHEREAS, although Ms. Givan excels on the soccer field, she
20 also exudes commitment to her community where she has volunteered
21 at a shelter home, the Ridgeland soccer camp, Mississippi Fire
22 soccer camp, and Top Soccer which is soccer for children with
23 disabilities; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Givan, whose superior athletic abilities have
25 caused her to travel all over the world, playing in tournaments as
26 far away as Massachusetts as well as in Brazil where she performed
27 superbly; and

28 WHEREAS, although Ms. Givan has received worldwide attention,
29 she has brought additional honor to Ridgeland High School and
30 Coach Josh Avenmarg by displaying a winning and cooperative spirit
31 and a superb degree of sportsmanship both on and off the soccer
32 field; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
34 and commend an outstanding young person of our state, such as Ms.
35 Givan, who has made remarkable accomplishments both in her
36 academics, as well as on the soccer field:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
39 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Ms. Rachel
40 Renee Givan on being selected as *The Clarion-Ledger's* 2006
41 Co-sportsperson of the Year and extend heartiest wishes on all of
42 her future endeavors.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to Ms. Rachel Givan, Ridgeland High School and to the
45 members of the Capitol Press Corps.