

By: Senator(s) Michel, Albritton, Browning,
Butler, Chaney, Clarke, Dearing, Frazier,
Gollott, Hyde-Smith, Jackson (11th), Jackson
(15th), Jackson (32nd), Jordan, Simmons,
Thomas, Walley, Walls, White

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING RACHEL RENEE GIVAN
2 OF RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL ON BEING SELECTED AS *THE CLARION-LEDGER'S*
3 2006 CO-SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR FOR 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 *Parade* High School All-American 2006; All-District 5 times --
18 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007; Mississippi Association of
19 Coaches All-State, 3 times -- 2003, 2004 and 2005; Mississippi
20 Association of Coaches 4A Player of the Year, 3 times -- 2003,
21 2004 and 2005; *The Clarion-Ledger* All-State Team, 3 times -- 2005,
22 2006 and 2007; National Soccer Coaches Association of
23 America-NSCAA/Adidas All-American, 4 times -- 2004, 2005, 2006 and
24 2007; 16 and under, 17 and under, US National Team Member --
25 2004-2006; Pop Warner, Pop-Star Finalist, 5 times -- 2003, 2004,
26 2005, 2006 and 2007; University of North Carolina, full

27 scholarship; and Captain of 5-time defending 4A State Champions,
28 Ridgeland Titans; and

29 WHEREAS, Rachel excels on the soccer field; she also is
30 committed to her community where she has volunteered at a shelter
31 home, the Ridgeland soccer camp, Mississippi Fire soccer camp, and
32 Top Soccer which is soccer for children with disabilities; and

33 WHEREAS, Ms. Givan's superior athletic abilities have enabled
34 her to travel all over the world, playing in tournaments as far
35 away as Massachusetts and Brazil where she performed superbly; and

36 WHEREAS, although Ms. Givan has received worldwide attention,
37 she has brought additional honor to Ridgeland High School and
38 Coach Josh Avenmarg by displaying a winning and cooperative spirit
39 and a superb degree of sportsmanship both on and off the soccer
40 field; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
42 outstanding young soccer star, who has brought honor to her
43 school, community and to the State of Mississippi:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Ms. Rachel
46 Renee Givan on being selected as *The Clarion-Ledger's* 2006
47 Co-Sportsperson of the Year and extend our best wishes to her and
48 her family on all of her future endeavors.

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