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***SENATE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
No. 559***

Originated in Senate *Liz Welch* Secretary

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING EASTON CURRY ON BEING SELECTED AS THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY 2011 STATE GAMES OF MISSISSIPPI AT&T MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, each year, the State Games of Mississippi nominates an outstanding male and female athlete from each individual sport. These athletes are chosen for merit and sportsmanship. This year the State Games are honoring athletes from 31 sports from the 2011 Twentieth Anniversary of the State Games of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, from these 31 athletes, only two are chosen to receive the honor of "Athlete of the Year." The chosen "Athlete of the Year" will visit the State Capitol in Jackson, where the Governor will bestow them with a recognition of their achievement and they will have the honor and fame of lighting the torch at next year's Opening Ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 "Male Athlete of the Year" is Easton Curry. Eleven-year-old Grenada, Mississippi, resident Easton Curry has been practicing Martial Arts for almost four years and has been competing for three of them. His father says that he "eats, sleeps and breathes Martial Arts." Easton demonstrates the discipline and dedication that it takes to excel in his field at such a young age. He currently holds 38 first rankings, 18 second place and three third place and has won four "Grand Championships" under the Southern Martial Arts Circuit. In June, Easton competed in his first State Games and earned three Gold Medals in Martial Arts, blowing the judges away with his talent; and

WHEREAS, the State Games' win and growing confidence in competition made Easton want to take competing to the next level

by competing in the National State Games of America held in San Diego, California. One week before the Currys were to leave on the cross-country journey, tragedy struck. Easton and his father were involved in a serious car collision. His father, Michael Curry, states that "God's hands were on them that day." With his biggest fan unable to travel with him and his hands in bandages, little Easton decided to go through with the competition. Easton and his mother made the trip together to San Diego; and

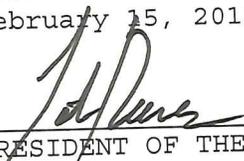
WHEREAS, while at the National State Games, Easton was honored to be the "spotlighted athlete" in the program for Martial Arts and he also carried the Mississippi banner in the "Parade of Athletes." As for the competition, Easton Curry unbandaged his hands and competed with all of the might he had and earned the Gold Medal in Weapons, the Silver Medal in Kumate, and the Bronze Medal in Kata. Easton Curry brandishes an extreme natural ability at such a young age and promises to have a bright future in Martial Arts and in life; and

WHEREAS, the State Games of Mississippi is proud to have Easton Curry as its "Male Athlete of the Year," and it is with pride that we recognize this young Mississippi athlete who has brought honor to his community and state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Easton Curry on being selected as the Twentieth Anniversary 2011 State Games of Mississippi AT&T Male Athlete of the Year and express best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

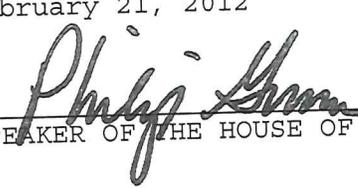
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Easton Curry, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
February 15, 2012



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 21, 2012



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES