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**SENATE  
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
No. 573**

Originated in Senate *Liz Welch* Secretary

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BRADEN IVEY ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2013 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 34 sports from the 2013 State Games of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, from these 34 athletes, only two are chosen to receive the honor of "Athlete of the Year." The nominated athletes personify the ideals of the State Games movement, such as participation, sportsmanship, special attributes, achievements, efforts and positive attitudes. The State Games keeps its entry fees low primarily through the generous donations of sponsors, including Founding Gold Sponsor: Meridian Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Rush Hospital; and Gold Sponsors: AT&T, Maples Gas, City of Meridian, McDonald's, Meridian-Lauderdale County Tourism Bureau/Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors, Structural Steel,

WTOK-TV and WMDN/WGBC-TV. The chosen "Athletes 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 the 2013 Opening Ceremonies of the State Games; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 "Male Athlete of the Year" is Braden Ivey. Determination, strength, stamina, endurance and discipline are qualities that the State Games of Mississippi, "Male Athlete of the Year," Braden Ivey, demonstrates every day; and

WHEREAS, Braden Ivey has accomplished more in his 11 years than most athletes do in a lifetime. He has been training in the martial arts for only six years but has been called a prodigy by many. Martial arts is a family affair for the Iveys. Braden's grandfather started it all when he fell in love with the sport and opened a dojo school in Enterprise. He then trained his son and passed on the dojo school to him. Now Braden is being trained by his father. In the past six years of his martial arts training his competition resumé reads like a novel: Braden became the 2007 Mississippi State Champion in his age group for the Mississippi Karate Association. He continues to defend his title and has renewed it every year, becoming a six-time "13 and Under Grand Champion." Braden was also the 2007 and 2008 winner in the "Battle of Atlanta" Martial Arts Tournament in Atlanta. In 2010 Braden decided to take his competition to the national level and went to his first AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) National

Competition. He won the National Champion Title for his age group. He continued with his winning streak in 2011 by winning the USA National Karate Foundation National Championship, and is the Tennessee State Champion for the U.S. Karate Alliance and the AAU Jr. Olympic Champion, plus many more regional and statewide titles; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, at the age of ten, he was honored to have earned a position on the Amateur Athletics USA Team. While martial arts is currently not an Olympic sport, this team is the equivalent to being the U.S. Olympic Team. By competing on the AAU Team, Braden was exposed to more tournaments and competed on a much higher level. He continued his reign as the AAU Regional, State and National Champion. In 2012, he also became the National Champion for the Japanese Karate Association. In 2013, Braden had the opportunity to compete with his AAU team in Melbourne, Australia, at the World Karate Confederation Tournament. He represented his country and his dojo school from Mississippi well by coming home as the WKC World Champion. Braden is also a three-time Gold Medalist for the State Games of Mississippi. Being an 11-year-old young man and a World Champion is easy for Braden. He has the passion and discipline it takes. He trains at his dojo school six-days-a-week for four-hours-a-day and helps his father twice a week as an instructor for children ages nine and under. He recently received the Presidential Award for Academics

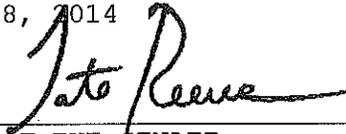
at his elementary school and has been an Honor Roll student throughout his schooling; and

WHEREAS, the State Games of Mississippi is proud to have Braden Ivey as its "Male Athlete of the Year," and it is with great 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 Braden Ivey on being selected as the 2013 State Games of Mississippi AT&T Male Athlete of the Year and express best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

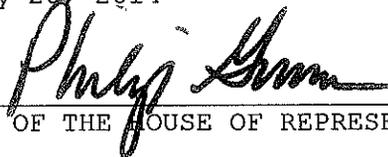
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Braden Ivey, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE  
February 18, 2014



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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
February 20, 2014



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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES