

By: Representatives Denny, Brown

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 97

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING WILL  
2 OVERSTREET ON HIS OUTSTANDING FOOTBALL PLAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
3 TENNESSEE.

4 WHEREAS, in 1998, Will Overstreet, a native of Jackson,  
5 Mississippi, and graduate of Jackson Preparatory School, began his  
6 collegiate football career at the University of Tennessee, by  
7 establishing himself as a solid player on the Volunteer's  
8 defensive line; and

9 WHEREAS, through hard work and determination, Will earned the  
10 respect of his coaches and gained a starting position in 1999,  
11 where he continued his dominance over offensive lines throughout  
12 the Southeastern Conference; and

13 WHEREAS, in his junior season, Will was named to the  
14 All-Southeastern Conference Team, an honor which sealed his  
15 position as one of the top defensive linemen in the Southeastern  
16 Conference as well as the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, despite a knee injury during the Louisiana State  
18 University game in 2001, Will fought to overcome adversity and  
19 managed to play the remainder of the season in outstanding  
20 fashion, earning him a spot for the second year in a row on the  
21 All-Southeastern Conference Team; and

22 WHEREAS, proven to be competitive in the classroom as well as  
23 on the field, Will was named to the Academic All-Southeastern  
24 Conference Team three straight years and also earned a spot on the  
25 Verizon All-Academic District IV Team and in 2001, on the Verizon  
26 Academic All-American Team; and



27           WHEREAS, although playing across state lines, Will Overstreet  
28 brings much pride to his native state and will always be  
29 considered as one of Mississippi's finest; and

30           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
31 unique and talented individuals, such as Will Overstreet, whose  
32 work ethic and devotion serves as an outstanding model for all  
33 Mississippians:

34           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
36 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate William  
37 Sparkman Overstreet on his successful football career at the  
38 University of Tennessee and extend to him our heartiest wishes for  
39 continued success in all his future endeavors.

40           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
41 furnished to Will Overstreet, the University of Tennessee, and the  
42 Capitol Press Corps.

