

By: Representatives Brown, Buck, Espy,
Harrison, Hines, Holloway, Mayo, Martinson,
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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ATHLETIC SUCCESS OF
2 BRADFORD BLACKMON AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON BEING NAMED PLAYER
3 OF THE YEAR ON *THE CLARION-LEDGER* ALL-METRO FOOTBALL TEAM.

4 WHEREAS, St. Andrew's senior Bradford Blackmon, has stamped
5 his name in the school's record book and in the hearts of the
6 Saints' faithful supporters throughout a year of most spectacular
7 and eye-catching play, catapulting him to the top position of
8 being named Player of the Year on *The Clarion-Ledger* All-Metro
9 Football Team; and

10 WHEREAS, the legacy and mind-boggling numbers left behind by
11 this do-everything star is one that falls nothing short of simply
12 astonishing, as Bradford has amassed an eye-popping 9,316
13 all-purpose yards in his career and 106 touchdowns, including 30
14 this season when he led the Saints to the Class 2A semifinals--the
15 deepest playoff run in school history; and

16 WHEREAS, Bradford has been described by his coach, David
17 Bradberry, as being the singular player of any program he has ever
18 coached, to have such an impact on winning, evidenced by his 106
19 career touchdowns, ranking him third on the state's all-time list
20 and trailer of such notables as former Weir star, Dicenso Miller,
21 with 118 and ex-Lumberton back, Terry Grant with 115; and

22 WHEREAS, a hero among heroes in the eyes of the throng of
23 elementary students who mob him after each game, Bradford is
24 destined to be remembered for his exploits on the field, but the
25 demeanor exhibited off the field, is what will be remembered most
26 by those who look up to him as a role model and a teammate; and

27 WHEREAS, humble in his decorum in the face of athletic
28 stardom, Bradford who has been sought after by Jackson State
29 University, and Ivy League members, Columbia and Pennsylvania,
30 credits his fellow teammates and the team effort for making it all
31 possible, which speaks volumes of his athletic tenacity, skill and
32 versatility as well as his academic success; and

33 WHEREAS, as Bradford has garnered a myriad of supporters and
34 well wishers on the state and regional level, he promises to catch
35 the eye of millions nationwide as a new Quaker upon having
36 committed to the University of Pennsylvania with a football
37 scholarship; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
39 and commend excellence as exhibited by scholar-athletes such as
40 Bradford Blackmon, whose dynamic and unrivaled athleticism coupled
41 with his gentle nature and academic achievement exemplifies talent
42 and character beyond measure:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
45 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the athletic and academic
46 success of Bradford Blackmon, congratulate him upon being named
47 Player of the Year on *The Clarion-Ledger* All-Metro Football Team
48 and expressing heartfelt wishes for continued success in all of
49 his athletic and academic endeavors.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
51 furnished to Bradford Blackmon, St. Andrew's School and to the
52 members of the Capitol Press Corps.