

By: Representative Straughter

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 131

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING CLINTON "TREY" JOHNSON AND
2 CONGRATULATING HIM FOR HIS ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ON BEING
3 NAMED THE SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (SWAC) PLAYER OF THE
4 YEAR AND RECEIVING THE 2007 CELLULAR SOUTH HOWELL TROPHY.

5 WHEREAS, Jackson State University senior, Clinton "Trey"
6 Johnson, has stamped his name in the school's record book and in
7 the hearts of the Tigers' faithful supporters throughout a year of
8 most spectacular and eye-catching play, catapulting him to the top
9 position of being named this year's Southwestern Athletic
10 Conference (SWAC) Player of the Year and recipient of the 2007
11 Cellular South Howell Trophy; and

12 WHEREAS, Johnson was chosen as the Howell Award winner in a
13 vote by 49 media members from around the state, and that was
14 announced Monday, March 26, during a ceremony at the Mississippi
15 Sports Hall of Fame and Museum during a televised broadcast by
16 Mississippi Public Broadcasting, becoming JSU's first athlete to
17 win a Cellular South Outstanding Player Award that includes the
18 Howell Trophy, Ferriss Trophy (baseball) and Conerly Trophy
19 (football); and

20 WHEREAS, the legacy and mind-boggling numbers left behind by
21 this do-everything star is one that falls nothing short of simply
22 astonishing, as Trey has amassed an eye-popping 1,673 points in
23 his career with Jackson State; and

24 WHEREAS, this 6 feet 5 inch, 218 pound powerhouse from
25 Jackson, Mississippi, was the second-leading scorer in NCAA
26 Division 1 men's basketball this season, averaging 27.1 points per
27 game, scoring 49 in one game - a 100-97 victory over Texas-El Paso
28 in the Sun Bowl Tournament - setting a new Sun Bowl Tournament

29 record with a mind-boggling total of 69 points and leading the
30 Tigers to a 21-13 record, the Southwestern Athletic Conference
31 Tournament title and their first trip to the NCAA Tournament in
32 seven years; and

33 WHEREAS, having become a household name throughout the
34 Southwestern region, Johnson hails from a family with a long
35 athletic history in the SWAC, with family members having played at
36 Jackson State or Alcorn State Universities, and he has been
37 afforded the rare opportunity to share his adept talents with both
38 the Tigers and the Braves; and

39 WHEREAS, Trey, who is destined to be remembered for his
40 exploits on the hardwood, credits his coach, fellow teammates and
41 the team effort for making it all possible, which speaks volumes
42 of his athletic tenacity, skill and versatility as well as his
43 academic success, which account for the following honors: being
44 named 2006-2007 All-American by CollegeInsider.com, a member of
45 the 2006-2007 All-SWAC First Team, earning a number eight ranking
46 on JSU's all-time scoring list, SWAC Preseason Player of the Year,
47 three-time SWAC Player of the Week, Preseason Mid-Major Player of
48 the Year, Mid-Major All-American and ranked number 10 for the
49 2005-2006 NCAA scoring season; and

50 WHEREAS, this mass communication major is destined to excel
51 in the future as he allows his athletic and academic prowess to
52 catapult him into national and international stardom; and

53 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend
54 the excellence as exhibited by scholar-athletes such as Trey
55 Johnson, whose dynamic and unrivaled athleticism coupled with his
56 gentle nature and academic achievement exemplifies talent and
57 character beyond measure:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
59 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
60 commend the athletic and academic success of Clinton "Trey"
61 Johnson, congratulate him upon being named SWAC Player of the Year

62 and receiving the 2007 Cellular South Howell Trophy and express
63 heartfelt wishes for continued success in all of his athletic and
64 academic endeavors.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
66 furnished to Trey Johnson, Jackson State University and to the
67 members of the Capitol Press Corps.