

By: Senator(s) Simmons

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING RUNNING BACK AND  
2 HONOR STUDENT BRADFORD JEROME BLACKMON FOR HIS AWARD-WINNING  
3 FOOTBALL CAREER AT SAINT ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL.

4 WHEREAS, an outstanding member of the 2007 Senior Class at  
5 Saint Andrew's Episcopal School in Ridgeland, Mississippi, is  
6 Bradford Jerome Blackmon, who has been an honor student in Grades  
7 K-12 and an award-winning running back for the "Saints" Football  
8 Team; and

9 WHEREAS, during his four years of varsity play at St.  
10 Andrews, Bradford scored 106 touchdowns, completed 716 rushes for  
11 5,553 yards rushing, caught 98 passes for 1,986 receiving yards,  
12 for a total of 9,364 all-purpose yards; and

13 WHEREAS, during Bradford's tenure as a member of the St.  
14 Andrew's Episcopal Football Team (2003-2006), the Saints won 35  
15 games and lost 13. The Saints were 10-0 during the regular 2004  
16 season and 9-1 during the regular 2006 season. Bradford completed  
17 his 4-year high school football career with 106 touchdowns,  
18 ranking him 3rd among Mississippi's all-time touchdown leaders;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Bradford's 2006 Senior Season statistics are as  
21 follows:

	Attempts	Yards	T.D.
22			
23	(211)	1746	(24)
24	(8)	175	
25	(1)	5	
26	(22)	454	(6)
27	(3)	43	(1)
28			30
29		2,423; and	

30 WHEREAS, his memorable Honors & Awards for the 2006 Senior  
31 Football Season:

32 Named Team MVP  
33 First Team All-State 2-A  
34 First Team (All Classifications) All-State Overall  
35 *The Clarion Ledger* "All-Metro Player of the Year"  
36 *Madison County Herald* All-County Team  
37 2006 Most Valuable Offensive Player State 2-A  
38 2006 Bank Plus Blitz 16 All-Metro Player of the Year  
39 Nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award  
40 Named to *The Orlando Florida Sentinel Newspaper*  
41 All-Southern Football Team; and

42 WHEREAS, his prior year Honors & Awards:

43 2005 Junior Football Season:

44 Named Team MVP  
45 First Team All-Metro  
46 First Team All-State 2-A  
47 Bank Plus 16 Player of the Week  
48 Most Valuable Player District 6-2A  
49 *Madison County Herald* All-County Team  
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51 2005 Junior Basketball Season:

52 Named Team MVP  
53 All-District Boys' Basketball District 6-2A  
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55 2004 Sophomore Football Season:

56 Named Team MVP  
57 Second Team All-State 2-A  
58 *Madison County Herald* All-County Team  
59 Most Valuable Offensive Player District 6-2A  
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61 2003 Freshman Football Season:

62 Named Team MVP  
63 First Team All-District 6-2A  
64 *Madison County Herald* All-County Team; and

65 WHEREAS, Bradford has accepted an offer to play his next four  
66 years of collegiate football in the Ivy League at the University  
67 of Pennsylvania; and

68 WHEREAS, Bradford is the son of Representative Ed Blackmon  
69 and former Senator Barbara Blackmon, and it is with great pride  
70 that we recognize the outstanding athletic and academic record of  
71 this young student-athlete who has brought honor to his school,  
72 his community and to the State of Mississippi:

73 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
74 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Running  
75 Back and Honor Student Bradford Jerome Blackmon for his

76 award-winning football career at Saint Andrews High School and  
77 extend to him our best wishes for success as he begins his  
78 collegiate career.

79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
80 Bradford Blackmon and his parents, forwarded to the Headmaster of  
81 St. Andrews Episcopal School and be made available to the Capitol  
82 Press Corps.