

By: Representative Miles

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR.
2 TAVEZE CALHOUN UPON RECEIVING THE DISTINCT HONOR OF BEING NAMED A
3 WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY FINALIST.

4 WHEREAS, on December 8, 2015, Mr. Taveze Calhoun was honored
5 by the National Football Foundation in New York City as one of 12
6 finalists for the William V. Campbell Trophy, also known as the
7 "Academic Heisman Trophy"; and

8 WHEREAS, the 12 finalists were chosen from a well-vetted pool
9 of 135 total candidates, each of whom represented the best senior
10 student athlete on their respective teams, playing in their final
11 year of eligibility and either starting for their team or making
12 significant contributions for their team; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Calhoun's journey to New York City began in
14 Morton, Mississippi, his hometown, where he played football for
15 the Morton High School Panthers, the program that began to develop
16 the skill of a talented football player on Friday nights, while
17 excelling in the classroom where he acquired a passion for
18 academics, especially for history classes; and



19 WHEREAS, after high school Mr. Calhoun chose to attend
20 Mississippi State University to further quench his thirst for
21 academics and to play football in the Southeastern Conference; and

22 WHEREAS, over the course of his college football career, Mr.
23 Calhoun continued to prove his unrivaled commitment to excellence,
24 as evidenced by the hours spent practicing, studying game film and
25 meeting with positional coaches, an approach that undoubtedly
26 proved to be a formula for success while attending Mississippi
27 State, where he played in 45 games, started 31 games and was
28 chosen to lead the team as a 2015 team captain, a fitting
29 recognition for his many years of hard work and leadership; and

30 WHEREAS, prior to being selected as a William V. Campbell
31 Trophy Finalist, Mr. Calhoun has earned distinction as a
32 Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll member three times,
33 additionally, he serves his community and the State of Mississippi
34 by volunteering with the Salvation Army, the Starkville Manor
35 Nursing Home, the Oktibbeha County Humane Society, Deuce
36 McAllister's Catch 22 Foundation and aided in efforts to provide
37 tornado relief for the people of Louisville, Mississippi; and

38 WHEREAS, in addition to playing football and serving his
39 community, Mr. Calhoun also continued his passion for education,
40 earning his undergraduate degree in interdisciplinary studies, and
41 immediately began and is currently working toward a graduate
42 degree in workforce leadership while planning for his future after
43 the National Football League; and



44 WHEREAS, as the fourth Mississippi State University football
45 player to be selected as a National Football Foundation National
46 Scholar-Athlete in the program's history, Mr. Calhoun will receive
47 a post-graduate scholarship for \$18,000.00 and the incalculable
48 honor of representing his school in receiving one of the highest
49 honors a student athlete can aspire for; and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to share in the
51 enthusiasm of citizens of this state as they represent Mississippi
52 through outstanding achievements and honors, such as Mr. Calhoun,
53 who has brought honor to his university, his hometown and to the
54 State of Mississippi:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
56 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
57 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Taveze
58 Calhoun upon being named a 2015 William V. Campbell Trophy
59 Finalist, and extend best wishes for success in all of his future
60 endeavors.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
62 furnished to Mr. Taveze Calhoun, to Mississippi State University
63 Director of Athletics Mr. Scott Strickland and to the members of
64 the Capitol Press Corps.

