

By: Representative Barton

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE MANY  
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TONY BROWN AND THE INSPIRATIONAL ROLE HE PLAYED  
3 IN THE LIVES OF EACH OF HIS FOOTBALL TEAMMATES AND THE ENTIRE  
4 JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, COMMUNITY.

5 WHEREAS, East Central High School senior running back Tony  
6 Brown has served as a distinguished student athlete throughout his  
7 illustrious high school football career of demonstrating  
8 unmitigated athletic prowess dedicated service to the schools in  
9 Mississippi as a remarkable football player and source of  
10 inspiration; and

11 WHEREAS, since donning his uniform as a varsity level Hornet  
12 at East Central High School, Tony, who has amassed an impressive  
13 statistical record, holds the school rushing and scoring records  
14 while also ranking in the top ten for the state in rushing and  
15 scoring with: 6,105 career total rushing yards, for a sixth place  
16 all-time statewide ranking; 92 career touchdowns, for a ninth  
17 place all-time statewide ranking; 3,307 single-season total  
18 rushing yards, for a second place all-time statewide ranking; and



19 47 single-season rushing touchdowns, for a second place all-time  
20 statewide ranking; and

21 WHEREAS, because of his game-changing plays and brilliant  
22 strategic mind, Tony was able to use his broadened knowledge of  
23 the game and refine skills in execution while creating a legacy of  
24 superior play and true sportsmanship, which compelled his Hornets  
25 team to a 13-1 season, its first District Championship in 24  
26 years, a South State Championship and its first ever appearance in  
27 a State Championship game; and

28 WHEREAS, Tony's incomparable leadership and expert command of  
29 the game is evidenced in more than just the success of wins in the  
30 record books, as he engrained moral integrity and discipline into  
31 each of his fellow high caliber teammates, and for his efforts, he  
32 was Gatorade Player of the Year for the State of Mississippi; *USA*  
33 *Today* Offensive Player of the Year for the State of Mississippi;  
34 *USA Today* Offensive 2nd Team All-American selection; The  
35 Mississippi Association of Coaches Class 4A Offensive Player of  
36 the Year; *The Clarion Ledger* All-State Team selection;  
37 Bernard-Blackwell North/South All-Star Game selection; WLOX  
38 Offensive Player of the Year; *The Sun Herald* All-South Mississippi  
39 Team selection; *The Sun Herald* Player of the Year; Region 8-4A  
40 All-District Team selection; and Region 8-4A Offensive MVP; and  
41 WHEREAS, East Central High School has truly benefitted from  
42 the unrivaled skill and competence Tony provided to the Hornets'  
43 football program, as success from the fields and tales of his



44 accomplishments will forever echo throughout the halls and across  
45 the bleachers with the beginning of each of the school's new  
46 seasons; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
48 recognize and commend the accomplishments of student athletes,  
49 especially those such as Tony Brown, who continuously demonstrates  
50 the qualities and characteristics to become great collegiate and  
51 professional athletes:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
54 recognize and honor the many accomplishments of Tony Brown and the  
55 inspirational role he played in the remarkable 2017 football  
56 season experienced by the East Central High School Hornets  
57 Football Team, and express deepest wishes for continued success in  
58 all of his future endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
60 furnished to Tony Brown and to the members of the Capitol Press  
61 Corps.

