

By: Representative Straughter

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 105

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JACKSON STATE
2 UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL TEAM STUDENT MANAGER THOMAS "SNACKS" LEE FOR
3 HIS AMAZING SHOT AND FOR WINNING THE 2020 ESPY AWARD FOR THE
4 "CAN'T-STOP-WATCHING MOMENT."

5 WHEREAS, viral sensation and basketball star Thomas "Snacks"
6 Lee, a graduate of Provine High School and the student manager of
7 the Jackson State University Men's Basketball Team, won the
8 "Can't-Stop-Watching Moment" for the 2020 ESPY Awards presented by
9 Capital One, on June 21, 2020; and

10 WHEREAS, to win the ESPY Award, Snacks earned the most votes
11 against finalists Riley Sartain-Vaughan, the Newtown High School
12 Football Team, and Obed Lekhehle after winning 79 percent of
13 Twitter polls and winning ESPN's online voting process, and before
14 the final round, he also knocked off number one seeded Olympic
15 Superstar and two-time ESPY Award Winner Simone Biles in the elite
16 eight as he advanced past Biles' world record-setting moment; and

17 WHEREAS, the road to winning his ESPY Award was well deserved
18 as Snacks, who had dutifully managed the Tigers basketball team
19 for four years, had finally made it to senior night, where he not



20 only dressed out with his team, but was also honored before the
21 game for all of his hard work and dedication to the Tigers; and

22 WHEREAS, when deciding what number to choose, it was a
23 no-brainer for Snacks, who chose number 35 in honor of his
24 favorite basketball player, Kevin Durant; and

25 WHEREAS, with two minutes left on the clock, the crowd grew
26 restless because they wanted to see their favorite new player and
27 beloved student manager put into the game, so after roaring chants
28 of "WE WANT SNACKS!", the coach obliged and Snacks checked into
29 the game; and

30 WHEREAS, the crowd erupted in cheers when Snacks stepped onto
31 the court, but he really gave them something to cheer about when
32 he shot a three-pointer from 35 feet out, sending the already
33 cheering crowd into an excited frenzy and instantly becoming a
34 viral sensation; and

35 WHEREAS, as more and more people watched that amazing shot,
36 the "Three Shot," Snacks got calls from news programs and
37 reporters across the globe, including The Morning Show with Hoda
38 and Jenna, ESPN's College Gameday, TMZ Sports, The Athletic, The
39 Washington Post, The Undeclared, "Pardon My Take," ESPN, "Pardon
40 The Interruption," The Dan Le Batard Show and Around the Horn; and

41 WHEREAS, this ESPY Award only added to the list of accolades
42 and news outlets that Snacks has been a part of over the last
43 three and one-half months, and the ESPY Award marks the first-ever



44 ESPY to be awarded to Jackson State University as well as to the
45 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC); and

46 WHEREAS, even after receiving all of the national attention
47 for his remarkable shot, the most epic viewer of the video was
48 Kevin Durant himself, who saw the viral three-pointer and tweeted
49 his praise in response to it; and

50 WHEREAS, after winning the 2020 "Can't-Stop-Watching Moment"
51 ESPY Award and capturing the hearts of America, it only took three
52 words to describe the moment for the hometown hero, "Humble never
53 Hollywood," and staying humble is exactly how the viral sensation
54 has handled this whole process ever since he made his 35-plus foot
55 three-point shot on senior night; and

56 WHEREAS, when he was asked how it felt to make this epic
57 shot, Snacks said, "Kevin Durant has always been my favorite
58 player. It made me feel like the 'Easy Money (3-point) Sniper'
59 when I made it," and that night, he truly transformed into Kevin
60 Durant when he made the shot of a lifetime; and

61 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
62 honor and recognize fine Mississippians, especially those such as
63 Thomas "Snacks" Lee, who has been an inspiration both on and off
64 the court for his fellow students and teammates and has brought
65 immense honor to his community, the Jackson State University
66 family and to the State of Mississippi:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
68 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby



69 commend and congratulate Jackson State University Basketball Team
70 Student Manager Thomas "Snacks" Lee for his amazing shot and for
71 winning the 2020 ESPY Award for the "Can't-Stop-Watching Moment"
72 and extend best wishes for all of his future endeavors.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
74 furnished to Thomas "Snacks" Lee, the Jackson State University
75 Acting President Thomas Hudson and to the members of the Capitol
76 Press Corps.

