By: Senator(s) Witherspoon, Sojourner, Frazier, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd), Jordan, McCaughn, McLendon, Norwood, Parker, Simmons (12th), Simmons (13th), Thomas To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 541

- A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SUPER BOWL LIV FOOTBALL CHAMPION KANSAS CITY CHIEFS' LINEBACKER DAMIEN WILSON FROM GLOSTER, MISSISSIPPI.
- 4 WHEREAS, Super Bowl LIV featured nine players with
- 5 Mississippi connections, five with the Kansas City Chiefs and four
- 6 with the San Francisco 49ers, including linebacker Damien Wilson
- 7 from Gloster, Mississippi; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Damien Wilson attended Amite County High School in
- 9 Liberty, Mississippi, where he was a teammate of Gabe Jackson. He
- 10 accepted a scholarship from Alcorn State University but
- 11 transferred to Jones County Junior College after his freshman
- 12 season; and
- WHEREAS, as a sophomore safety, he was named the Region 23
- 14 Defensive MVP, after ranking fourth in the nation with 122 tackles
- 15 (six for loss), two sacks and two passes defensed. As a
- 16 sophomore, he registered 119 tackles (10.5 for loss). At the end
- of the year, he transferred to the University of Minnesota; and

18	WHEREAS, the Dallas Cowboys selected Wilson in the fourth
19	round (127th overall) of the 2015 NFL Draft. He was the 13th
20	linebacker selected in 2015. On May 28, 2015, the Dallas Cowboys
21	signed Wilson to a four-year multimillion-dollar contract; and
22	WHEREAS, the coaches decided to make Wilson learn all three
23	linebacker positions in training camp. On special teams, he tied
24	for the team lead in tackles, nine with Kyle Wilber and Jeff
25	Heath. As a rookie, he registered a total of 16 tackles. Against
26	the New Orleans Saints, he saw extensive play and performed well,
27	replacing an injured Andrew Gachkar. He played the season mostly
28	on special teams and finished tied for the team lead with nine
29	tackles on special teams. In 2016, he suffered a serious
30	offseason injury. In week six of the season, he passed Kyle
31	Wilber on the depth chart and went on to start five games at
32	strong-side linebacker. He posted 35 tackles (four for loss). In
33	2017, he began the season as the backup at strong-side linebacker,
34	before passing Wilber on the depth chart in the seventh game
35	against the Philadelphia Eagles. He tallied 39 tackles (eleventh
36	on the team), five quarterback hurries, one sack and seven special
37	teams tackles (sixth on the team); and
38	WHEREAS, on March 14, 2019, Wilson signed a two-year,
39	multimillion-dollar contract with the Kansas City Chiefs. Wilson
40	was instrumental in Super Bowl LIV with the Chiefs where they
41	defeated the San Francisco 49ers 31-20; and

42	WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize a
43	professional Mississippi football player who has brought honor to
44	his school, his community and to the State of Mississippi:
45	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46	MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
47	we do hereby commend and congratulate Super Bowl LIV Football
48	Champion Kansas City Chiefs' Linebacker Damien Wilson from
49	Gloster, Mississippi, on the occasion of "Damien Wilson Day" at
50	Amite County High School, and extend to Damien and his family our
51	best wishes for continued success.
52	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
53	Damien Wilson, forwarded to Amite County High School, and made
54	available to the Capitol Press Corps.