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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 542

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING NFL
2 SUPER BOWL LIV CHAMPION KANSAS CITY CHIEFS' FOOTBALL CORNERBACK
3 CHARVARIUS WARD WHO WAS A STANDOUT AT MCCOMB HIGH SCHOOL AND HINDS
4 COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

5 WHEREAS, Super Bowl LIV featured nine players with
6 Mississippi connections, five with the Kansas City Chiefs and four
7 with the San Francisco 49ers. Among the championship Kansas City
8 team stars was Cornerback Charvarius Ward from McComb,
9 Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, Charvarius Ward was born in McComb, Mississippi, and
11 attended McComb High School for three years. As a senior, he
12 tallied 48 tackles, one interception and received All-Region
13 honors; and

14 WHEREAS, he enrolled at Hinds Community College, and as a
15 freshman, he collected 32 tackles, three interceptions, 5 passes
16 defended and one forced fumble. As a sophomore, he recorded 32
17 tackles, one interception, two passes defended and one blocked
18 kick. He transferred to Middle Tennessee State University for his
19 junior season, appearing in 12 games with two starts, while making



20 26 tackles, two interceptions, five passes defended, one
21 quarterback hurry and one fumble recovery. As a senior, he played
22 in 13 games with eight starts, posting 48 tackles (sixth on the
23 team), three tackles for loss, one sack and led the team with 14
24 passes defended; and

25 WHEREAS, Charvarius did not receive an invitation to attend
26 the NFL Combine; however, on January 20, 2018, Ward played with
27 the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA)
28 Collegiate Bowl. On March 12, 2018, Ward attended Middle
29 Tennessee State's pro day and performed all the combine and
30 positional drills. He had a stellar performance at his pro day
31 which greatly elevated his draft stock. At the conclusion of the
32 pre-draft process, Ward was ranked as the 46th best cornerback
33 prospect in the draft by DraftScout.com; and

34 WHEREAS, on April 30, 2018, the Dallas Cowboys signed Ward to
35 a three-year contract, and throughout training camp, Ward competed
36 to be the fifth cornerback on the active roster; and

37 WHEREAS, on August 30, 2018, the Kansas City Chiefs traded
38 with the Dallas Cowboys in exchange for Ward to provide needed
39 depth for their offensive line. Head Coach Andy Reid named Ward
40 the fifth backup cornerback on the active roster to began the
41 regular season. On October 1, 2018, Ward made his professional
42 regular season debut and recorded three combined tackles during a
43 27-23 victory at the Denver Broncos in week three. On December
44 23, 2018, Ward earned his first career start. He recorded eight



45 combined tackles and deflected a pass as the Chiefs lost 38-31 at
46 the Seattle Seahawks in week 16. He finished his rookie season in
47 2018 with 30 combined tackles (26 solo) and three pass deflections
48 in 13 games and two starts. The Kansas City Chiefs finished first
49 in the AFC West with a 12-4 record and earned a first-round bye.
50 On January 12, 2019, Charvarius Ward started in his first career
51 playoff game and recorded four combined tackles and deflected four
52 passes during a 31-13 win against the Indianapolis Colts in the
53 AFC Divisional Round. The following week, he collected seven
54 combined tackles in the Chiefs' 37-31 loss against the New England
55 Patriots in the AFC Championship Game. With 54 seconds remaining
56 in the game, Ward caught what would have been the game-ending
57 interception to send the Chiefs to Super Bowl LIII, but the play
58 did not stand due to a penalty; and

59 WHEREAS, in 2019 Head Coach Andy Reid named Ward and Bashaud
60 Breeland the starting cornerbacks to begin the regular season in
61 2019. On September 15, 2019, Ward made four combined tackles, two
62 pass deflections, and made his first career interception during a
63 28-10 win at the Oakland Raiders in week two. Ward intercepted a
64 pass by Derek Carr, that was originally intended for wide receiver
65 Ryan Grant, and returned it for a ten-yard gain during the third
66 quarter. Ward then made his second interception against the
67 Houston Texans by snagging a one-handed interception over DeAndre
68 Hopkins. Charvarius Ward helped the Chiefs reach Super Bowl LIV



69 where they defeated the San Francisco 49ers 31-20. Ward recorded
70 four tackles in the game; and

71 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize a
72 professional Mississippi athlete who has brought honor to his
73 school, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

74 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
75 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
76 we do hereby commend and congratulate NFL Super Bowl LIV Champion
77 Kansas City Chiefs' Football Cornerback Charvarius Ward who was a
78 standout at McComb High School and Hinds Community College, and
79 extend our best wishes on the occasion of "Charvarius Ward Day" at
80 McComb High School.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
82 Charvarius Ward and his family and made available to the Capitol
83 Press Corps.

