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MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Senator(s) Norwood, Horhn, Frazier, Simmons (12th), Thomas, Barnett, Caughman

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 579

- A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING
- 2 JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY VIRAL STAR THOMAS "SNACKS" LEE FOR
- 3 WINNING THE ESPY AWARD FOR THE "CAN'T-STOP-WATCHING-MOMENT OF THE
- 4 YEAR."
- 5 WHEREAS, Thomas "Snacks" Lee brought home an ESPY Award to
- 6 his hometown on June 21, 2020, winning the 2020
- 7 "Can't-Stop-Watching-Moment of the Year ESPY Award" presented by
- 8 Capital One; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Snacks took home the top spot for the award by
- 10 earning the top vote against finalists Riley Sartain-Vaughan,
- 11 Newtown High School Football Team, and Obed Lekhehle after winning
- 12 79% of twitter polls and winning ESPN's online voting process. He
- 13 also defeated No. 1 seeded Olympic Superstar and two-time ESPY
- 14 Award Winner Simone Biles in the elite eight as he advanced past
- 15 Biles' world record-setting moment; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Lee, a Student Manager and former Provine High
- 17 School student, has worked with the JSU Men's Basketball Team for
- 18 four years. He was able to dress out for senior night and was

19 honored before the game for his dedication and hard work with the

- 20 team. He wore #35 for his favorite basketball player, Kevin
- 21 Durant, and was put in the game with two minutes left on the
- 22 clock. When asked how it felt to make this epic shot, Snacks
- 23 said, "Kevin Durant has always been my favorite player. It made
- 24 me feel like the 'Easy Money (3-point) Sniper' when I made it."
- 25 Kevin Durant saw the viral three-pointer and tweeted in response
- 26 to it. Toward the end of their final game of the season, the
- 27 crowd began roaring "WE WANT SNACKS"; and
- 28 WHEREAS, this ESPY Award only added to the list of accolades
- 29 and news outlets that Snacks has been a part of over the last
- 30 three and one-half months. The ESPY Award marks the first-ever
- 31 ESPY to be awarded to Jackson State University as well as to the
- 32 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC). After winning the 2020
- 33 Can't-Stop-Watching-Moment of the Year ESPY Award and capturing
- 34 the hearts of America, it only took three words to describe the
- 35 moment for the hometown hero, "Humble never Hollywood." Staying
- 36 humble is exactly how the viral sensation has handled this whole
- 37 process ever since he made his 35-plus foot three-point shot on
- 38 senior night. His story has impacted many viewers across the
- 39 globe that have heard his story and seen "Three Shot." In a
- 40 matter of one week, the Jackson, Mississippi, native made
- 41 appearances on nationally known media outlets such as The Morning
- 42 Show with Hoda and Jenna, ESPN's College Gameday, TMZ Sports, The
- 43 Athletic, The Washington Post, The Undefeated, "Pardon My Take"

- 44 and ESPN. He was also featured on "Pardon The Interruption," The
- 45 Dan Le Batard, and Around the Horn; and
- WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize a young
- 47 Mississippi citizen who has brought honor to his community, his
- 48 university and to the State of Mississippi:
- 49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
- 50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
- 51 we do hereby recognize and congratulate Jackson State University
- 52 Viral Star Thomas "Snacks" Lee for winning the ESPY Award for the
- "Can't-Stop-Watching-Moment of the Year," and extend to Snacks and
- 54 his team members our best wishes for future successes.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
- 56 "Snacks" Lee and his family, forwarded to Jackson State University
- 57 Acting President Thomas Hudson, and made available to the Capitol
- 58 Press Corps.