

By: Senator(s) Caughman, Blackwell, Jackson To: Rules  
(11th), Norwood, Simmons (12th)

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING NFL SUPER BOWL LIV  
2 CHAMPION KANSAS CITY CHIEFS' FOOTBALL OFFENSIVE TACKLE MARTINAS  
3 ORLANDO RANKIN WHO WAS A STANDOUT AT MENDENHALL HIGH SCHOOL AND  
4 MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST 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 Offensive Tackle Martinas Orlando Rankin from  
9 Mendenhall, Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, Martinas Orlando Rankin was born October 20, 1994.  
11 After playing at Mendenhall High School in Mississippi, Rankin  
12 spent two years at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in  
13 Perkinston, Mississippi. He was rated as the ninth best junior  
14 college recruit by 247SPORTS and committed to play at Mississippi  
15 State over offers from Oklahoma, Florida, Louisville, Missouri,  
16 Ohio State, Ole Miss, Texas and others. Martinas was redshirted  
17 in 2015 and earned a starting job as a junior in 2016. He had a  
18 breakout year in 2017, winning the Kent Hull Trophy and being  
19 named to the 2017 All-SEC Football Team; and



20 WHEREAS, before his senior year, Martinas was projected as a  
21 first-round pick in the 2018 NFL Draft by several writers. His  
22 college career included the following: Mississippi Gulf Coast  
23 Community College, 2013-2014: Academic Honor Roll, JUCO  
24 All-American and Nation's top JUCO offensive lineman; Mississippi  
25 State University, 2015-2017: Major: Kinesiology: 2015-2016 and  
26 2017-SEC Academic Honor Roll, Football Achievements: 2017-First  
27 Team All-SEC (coaches), 2017-Second-Team All-SEC (Associated  
28 Press), 2017-Honorable Mention All-American (SB Nation),  
29 2017-Campbell Trophy Semifinalist and 2017-Team Captain and  
30 attended SEC Media Day; and

31 WHEREAS, the Houston Texans selected Rankin in the  
32 third-round (80th overall) of the 2018 NFL Draft. Rankin was the  
33 eighth offensive tackle drafted in 2018. The pick used to draft  
34 Rankin was acquired in a trade that sent Duane Brown to the  
35 Seattle Seahawks. On May 10, 2018, the Houston Texans signed  
36 Rankin to a four-year, Multimillion Dollar contract that included  
37 a signing bonus. The Texans drafted Rankin to play offensive  
38 tackle although many scouts and draft experts viewed him as an  
39 interior offensive lineman in the NFL. During rookie minicamp,  
40 Rankin sustained a foot injury which required surgery and was  
41 sidelined for the entire training camp; and

42 WHEREAS, on August 31, 2019, Rankin was traded to the Kansas  
43 City Chiefs in exchange for running back Carlos Hyde. He started  
44 five games at left guard before suffering a knee injury in week



45 10. He was placed on injured reserve on November 11, 2019. The  
46 Chiefs went on to win Super Bowl LIV, their first championship in  
47 50 years; and

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

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
52 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
53 we do hereby commend and congratulate NFL Super Bowl LIV Champion  
54 Kansas City Chiefs' Football Offensive Tackle Martinas Orlando  
55 Rankin who was a standout at Mendenhall High School and  
56 Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and extend our best  
57 wishes to Martinas for future success.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
59 Martinas Orlando Rankin and his family, and made available to the  
60 Capitol Press Corps.

