

By: Senator(s) Sojourner, Hopson, McCaughn, To: Rules
Witherspoon

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE MISSISSIPPI
2 SENATE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILY OF FORMER NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
3 AND OLE MISS FOOTBALL STAR ALLEN BROWN OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI,
4 AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO HIS MISSISSIPPI HALL OF FAME FOOTBALL
5 CAREER.

6 WHEREAS, we join the family and Natchez community in mourning
7 the passing of former NFL and Ole Miss football standout Allen
8 Brown of Natchez on January 27, 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, Allen Brown was a standout Natchez High School
10 football player and went on to play for the Ole Miss Rebels under
11 Coach Johnny Vaught before being drafted into the NFL by the Green
12 Bay Packers and the San Diego Chargers in 1965. Brown, who played
13 tight end, eventually signed and went on to play for the Green Bay
14 Packers, the team that won Super Bowl I in 1967 against the Kansas
15 City Chiefs; and

16 WHEREAS, one of eleven children, Brown wanted to sign with
17 nearby LSU but his brothers and Ole Miss Assistant Coach Ray
18 Poole, from the Homochitto, Mississippi, community, convinced him
19 to become a Rebel; and



20 WHEREAS, in six college and professional seasons, Brown
21 played on one College National Championship Team and two Super
22 Bowl Championship Teams. His roommate with the Packers was future
23 Alabama and Kentucky Head Coach Bill Curry. Allen was coached by
24 two Hall of Famers, Johnny Vaught at Ole Miss and Vince Lombardi
25 at Green Bay; and

26 WHEREAS, in 1962, Brown and the Rebels went 10-0, won the
27 Sugar Bowl and were recognized as National Champions. Brown was
28 Ole Miss' third-leading receiver in the 1962 season, with 134
29 yards on 11 receptions and one touchdown. Brown and the Rebels
30 returned to the Sugar Bowl the next two years, defeating Arkansas
31 17-13, then losing to Alabama 12-7. Brown's two sons, Tim and
32 Burkes Brown, and his grandson, Ben Brown, all played football at
33 Ole Miss; and

34 WHEREAS, Allen Brown's high school career at Natchez High
35 School (1958-1961): lettered in football, basketball and track;
36 second-team All-Big Eight Conference end, 1960; first-team All-Big
37 Eight Conference end, 1961; and

38 WHEREAS, his college career at University of Mississippi
39 (1961-1964): National Champions (Litkenhous ratings; ranked #3
40 nationally); SEC Champions (1962); named All-SEC Sophomore Team;
41 Sugar Bowl win over Arkansas on January 1, 1963; SEC Champions
42 (ranked #7 nationally) (1963); first-team All-SEC, Associated
43 Press (1963); second-team All-SEC, United Press International
44 (1963); first-team All-America by the Associated Press, *Time*



45 Magazine, *The Sporting News* and *Playboy* Magazines (1964);
46 first-team All-SEC, Associated Press and United Press
47 International (1964); Co-Captain of team (1964); Blue-Gray Game
48 (1964); Senior Bowl (1965); and College All-Star Game (1965); and

49 WHEREAS, his professional career at Green Bay Packers
50 (1965-1967): member first two Super Bowl Championship Teams
51 (1966, 1967); severely injured near end of season and subsequently
52 retired (1967); and

53 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize a
54 Mississippi sports legend who has brought great honor to his
55 community and to the State of Mississippi which he loved:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
57 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the condolences of the
58 Mississippi Senate to the surviving family of former National
59 Football League and Ole Miss Football Star Allen Brown of Natchez,
60 Mississippi, and pay tribute to his Mississippi Hall of Fame
61 football career.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
63 the surviving family of Allen Brown, forwarded to the Mayor and
64 Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez and the Mississippi
65 Sports Hall of Fame, and made available to the Capitol Press
66 Corps.

