

By: Representatives Eubanks, Burnett

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING NAKOBE DEAN, FROM
2 HORN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL, OUTSIDE LINEBACKER FOR THE NATIONAL
3 CHAMPIONSHIP UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA BULLDOGS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR HIS
4 OUTSTANDING COLLEGE FOOTBALL CAREER.

5 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi was well represented on the
6 National Champion University of Georgia Bulldogs Football Team by
7 Nakobe Dean, the 6 foot, 215 pound, outside linebacker from Horn
8 Lake High School in Horn Lake, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Nakobe Dean, who won the prestigious 2021 Butkus
10 Award, given to the nation's best linebacker, completed his junior
11 year with 168 total tackles and 7.5 sacks, earned First-Team
12 All-SEC Honors in 2021 and has declared for the 2022 NFL Draft;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia defeated Alabama 33-18 in the College
15 Football National Championship Game, Georgia's first national
16 title in football since the 1980 season; and it was Georgia's
17 first win against Alabama since 2007; and

18 WHEREAS, on October 22, 2021, Dean returned to his alma
19 mater, Horn Lake High School, to present a check for \$10,000 to



20 Hope Community Center, Inc., as part of the 2021 Allstate Good
21 Works Team as one of 22 players, and one of four players from the
22 Southeast Conference (SEC), to be nominated by the American
23 Football Coaches Association which recognizes a select group of
24 players each year based on their commitment to serving their
25 communities; and

26 WHEREAS, Dean said it means a lot to him to be able to give
27 back to Horn Lake, and the Hope Community Center, Inc., of North
28 Mississippi which provides a variety of safe, fun and exciting
29 after-school activities and events for youth of all ages; and

30 WHEREAS, Dean has also given his time to "Dawgs for Pups,"
31 which raised \$200,000 to help local youth in the Athens/Clarke
32 County area; visited Camp Sunshine, which provides recreational,
33 educational and support programs for children with cancer; led an
34 effort that raised \$100,000 for Wi-Fi hotspots; served on a team
35 that collected 27,000 pounds of food for the Northeast Georgia
36 Food Bank; participated in the Bulldogs Battling Breast Cancer
37 Golf Tournament; collected 437 new and gently used coats for the
38 Boys & Girls Club of Athens; and read to students as part of Read
39 Across America; and

40 WHEREAS, Nakobe Dean, who has a 3.53 GPA in Mechanical
41 Engineering, was Georgia's leading tackler in 2020 with 71 stops,
42 which was 19 more than the next closest Bulldog defender, with 1.5
43 tackles for a loss, 1.5 sacks, and four quarterback hurries, and



44 as a freshman in 2019, Dean had 25 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss,
45 two pass breakups and a forced fumble; and

46 WHEREAS, at Horn Lake, Dean was part of the team that won the
47 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 6A
48 Football State Championship and was the recipient of the high
49 school Dick Butkus Award as the nation's top high school
50 linebacker in 2018, and he was also named Mississippi Mr. 6A
51 Football, and played in the Under Armour All-American Football
52 Game; and

53 WHEREAS, Dean has been an impactful player and was the
54 unquestioned leader of the Bulldogs, whose defense is ranked
55 number one, allowing only 297.1 total yards per game, and only 5.5
56 points per game; and

57 WHEREAS, Horn Lake Football Head Coach Mitchell Harville, who
58 first coached Dean in seventh and eighth grade, said he was
59 pleased to see Dean excelling at such a high level at Georgia and
60 noted that it was clear early on that Dean was a special player;
61 and

62 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize a very
63 special Mississippi athlete who has brought honor to his home
64 town, his high school and to the State of Mississippi:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
66 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
67 commend and congratulate Nakobe Dean, from Horn Lake High School,
68 outside linebacker for the National Champions Georgia Bulldogs



69 Football Team for his outstanding college football career, and
70 extend our best wishes to Nakobe and his family as he transitions
71 from the highest level of college football into the NFL.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
73 furnished to Nakobe Dean, Horn Lake High School Football Head
74 Coach Mitchell Harville, and to the members of the Capitol Press
75 Corps.

