

By: Representative Scoggin

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE STELLAR ATHLETIC CAREER
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. STETSON BENNETT IV, UPON LEADING THE
3 UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA BULLDOGS FOOTBALL TEAM TO CAPTURE THE 2021
4 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, history has been in the making for Blackshear,
6 Georgia native, Stetson Bennett IV since the very first moment he
7 donned a high school football uniform and made the fateful step
8 onto the gridiron in Pierce County, a journey that has culminated
9 in his becoming the quarterback for the 2021 College Football
10 Playoff National Champions, the University of Georgia Bulldogs;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, before his rise to national acclaim, Stetson
13 transferred to Jones Junior College in 2018 after initially
14 redshirting at the University of Georgia in 2017; and

15 WHEREAS, it was during this JUCO period that Stetson zeroed
16 in on perfecting the precision of his craft, and guided the
17 Bobcats to a 10-2 record, the MACJC South Division title, the
18 conference championship game and a 27-7 Mississippi Bowl win over
19 Eastern Arizona; and



20 WHEREAS, he passed for 1,840 yards, which was 12th in the
21 NJCAA, and 16 touchdowns, rushed for 148 yards and four
22 touchdowns, and threw for a career-high 314 yards and three
23 touchdowns in a 36-34 win over Northwest in the conference
24 semifinals; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett's display of impeccable talent during
26 his season at Jones garnered the attention of the University of
27 Louisiana coaching staff, which offered him a scholarship, but
28 Stetson's dream was to always return to the University of Georgia,
29 a dream turned reality when he walked-on at Georgia in 2019 and
30 played in five games; and

31 WHEREAS, the 2020 pigskin season would usher in Stetson's
32 first career start with the Bulldogs, in which he completed 17 of
33 28 passes for 240 yards and a touchdown in a 27-6 win over Auburn,
34 and would blaze the trail for him to serve as starting quarterback
35 in four additional games, one of which resulted in a 44-21 win
36 over Tennessee, when he completed 16 of 27 passes for 238 yards
37 and two touchdowns, and ushered in the inclusion of his name to
38 the Davey O'Brien Award "Great 8" list; and

39 WHEREAS, during the 2021 season, Stetson was in full throttle
40 control of his team's trajectory for success, starting 12 of the
41 14 games he played, including the final 10, which accounted for:
42 a 56-7 win over Alabama-Birmingham, when he completed 10 of 12
43 passes for 288 yards, a school-record tying five touchdowns, and
44 simultaneous National Performer of the Week by the College



45 Performance Awards and also earned SEC Co-Offensive Player of the
46 Week recognitions; a 34-11 CFP Orange Bowl semifinal win over
47 Michigan, during which he completed 20 of 30 passes for 313 yards,
48 and three touchdowns, and the honor of being named the game's
49 Offensive MVP; and

50 WHEREAS, Bennett's climactic 2021 year saw him lead Georgia
51 to a 13-1 record and the College Football Playoff National
52 Championship, for which he was named Offensive MVP after leading
53 the Bulldogs to a 33-18 victory over the Crimson Tide, by
54 completing 17 of 26 passes for 224 yards and two touchdowns, and
55 directing two fourth quarter touchdown drives with his final two
56 passes going for touchdowns of 40 and 15 yards, respectively; and

57 WHEREAS, Bennett finished the year ranked fourth nationally
58 in passing efficiency (176.7), fourth in yards per completion
59 (15.47) and third in yards per pass attempt (9.97), which
60 numerically computes to 2,862 yards passing, 185 completed of 287
61 pass attempts, 29 touchdowns, tapped as one of three finalists for
62 the 2021 Burlsworth Trophy, presented to the country's most
63 outstanding player who began his career as a walk-on; and

64 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
65 commend the excellence of student-athletes who showcase
66 exceptional talent in their respective athletic fields, as made
67 evident by the accomplishments of Stetson Bennett IV:

68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
69 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby



70 commend the stellar athletic career accomplishments of Mr. Stetson
71 Bennett IV, upon leading the University of Georgia Bulldogs
72 Football Team to capture the 2021 College Football Playoff
73 National Championship, and extend best wishes for continued
74 success in all his future endeavors.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
76 furnished to Stetson Bennett IV and to the members of the Capitol
77 Press Corps.

