

By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th), Barrett, McMahan, Jordan, Simmons (13th), Norwood, McLendon, McCaughn, Thomas, Frazier, Horhn, Branning, Chassaniol, Hickman, Butler (36th), Polk, Barnett

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING NAKOBE DEAN,  
2 OUTSIDE LINEBACKER FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPION UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA  
3 "BULLDOGS" FOOTBALL TEAM FROM HORN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL, 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.  
7 Nakobe Dean is the six-foot, 215-pound Outside Linebacker of the  
8 National Champions from Horn Lake High School in Horn Lake,  
9 Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, Dean, who won the 2021 Butkus Award, given to the  
11 nation's best linebacker, completed his junior year with 168 total  
12 tackles and 7.5 sacks. He also earned First-Team All-SEC Honors  
13 in 2021. It remains to be seen if Dean will return to Georgia for  
14 his senior year, or declare for the 2022 NFL Draft; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia defeated Alabama 33-18 in the College  
16 Football National Championship Game, Georgia's first National  
17 Title in football since the 1980 season. It's Georgia's first win  
18 against Alabama since 2007, making Dean part of a historic college  
19 football event; and



20           WHEREAS, on October 22, 2021, Dean returned to his alma  
21 mater, Horn Lake, Mississippi, to present a check for \$10,000.00  
22 to Hope Community Center, Inc., as part of the 2021 Allstate Good  
23 Works Team. He is one of 22 players, and one of four players from  
24 the Southeast Conference (SEC), to be nominated. The American  
25 Football Coaches Association recognizes a select group of players  
26 each year based on their commitment to serving their communities.  
27 Dean said it means a lot to him to be able to give back to Horn  
28 Lake. The Hope Community Center, Inc., of North Mississippi  
29 provides a variety of safe, fun and exciting after-school  
30 activities and events for youth of all ages; and

31           WHEREAS, Dean has also given his time to "Dawgs for Pups,"  
32 which has raised \$200,000.00 to help local youth in the  
33 Athens/Clarke County area; visited Camp Sunshine, which provides  
34 recreational, educational and support programs for children with  
35 cancer; led an effort that raised \$100,000.00 for Wi-Fi hotspots;  
36 served on a team that collected 27,000 pounds of food for the  
37 Northeast Georgia Food Bank; participated in the Bulldogs Battling  
38 Breast Cancer Golf Tournament; collected 437 new and gently used  
39 coats for the Boys & Girls Club of Athens; and read to students as  
40 part of Read Across America; and

41           WHEREAS, Nakobe Dean has a 3.53 GPA in Mechanical Engineering  
42 in the classroom. On the field, prior to the National  
43 Championship Game, he had 30 tackles, 3.5 sacks and one  
44 interception. He was Georgia's leading tackler in 2020 with 71



45 stops, which was 19 more than the closest Bulldog defender, with  
46 1.5 tackles for a loss, 1.5 sacks and four quarterback hurries.  
47 As a freshman in 2019, Dean had 25 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss,  
48 two pass breakups and a forced fumble; and

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

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

59 WHEREAS, Horn Lake Football Head Coach Mitchell Harville, who  
60 first coached Dean in the seventh and eighth grade, said he is  
61 pleased to see Dean excelling at such a high level at Georgia.  
62 "It's been exciting watching him his entire time at Georgia,"  
63 Harville said. "From the time he got there as a freshman, he has  
64 been able to do so much." Harville explained it was clear early  
65 on that Dean was a special player; and

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



69           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
70 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Nakobe  
71 Dean, Outside Linebacker for the National Champions Georgia  
72 "Bulldogs" Football Team from Horn Lake High School, for his  
73 outstanding college football career, and extend our best wishes to  
74 Nakobe Dean and his family as he transitions from the highest  
75 level of college football into the NFL.

76           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
77 Nakobe Dean, forwarded to Horn Lake High School Football Coach  
78 Mitchell Harville for the team, and made available to the Capitol  
79 Press Corps.

