

By: Representatives Denton, Ford (54th),
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING NICHOLAS ANDERSON
2 FOR HIS NUMEROUS ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

3 WHEREAS, Nicholas Anderson, a phenomenal athlete and student
4 from Vicksburg, Mississippi, and an inspiration to young men
5 throughout the Magnolia State, has achieved great athletic and
6 academic success during his twenty-three years despite being born
7 premature and diagnosed with a slim chance of survival; and

8 WHEREAS, after overcoming the difficulties of being born
9 premature, Nicholas developed into a healthy, happy and thriving
10 child who acquired a passion for sports, specifically football, as
11 a very young YMCA athlete; and

12 WHEREAS, while football became his niche and led to much
13 athletic success through his elementary, high school and
14 college careers, Nicholas's first priorities have always been and
15 continue to be constant faith in God and maintaining academic
16 excellence; and

17 WHEREAS, Nicholas graduated from Vicksburg High School in
18 2018 with a 4.61 GPA, which was the third highest GPA among the



19 221 seniors in his class, and he also received high honors for his
20 athletic abilities, including First Team All-State, First Team
21 All-District, All-District Most Valuable Linebacker, and
22 back-to-back All-County Defensive Player of the Year; and

23 WHEREAS, additionally, Nicholas was involved in helping the
24 Vicksburg community through Vicksburg High School and the
25 Chic-fil-A Leadership Academy, which fostered his dedication to
26 helping others in need, especially children and the homeless, and
27 his service to the community has continued throughout his college
28 career; and

29 WHEREAS, Nicholas began his college career at Jones Junior
30 College, and after one amazing semester where he had a 4.0 GPA and
31 received First All-State and All-Conference honors at the junior
32 college level and Junior College All-American awards, he
33 transferred to Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, in the
34 spring of 2019; and

35 WHEREAS, during his tenure at Tulane, Nicholas continued to
36 feed and assist homeless people on a number of occasions, and with
37 God's blessings continually covering his life, he made the honor
38 roll every semester, made the 2019-2020 All-Conference Academic
39 Team, finished the 2020 fall semester with a 4.0 GPA and earned
40 All-Conference Honor Roll versus Temple; and

41 WHEREAS, his athletic awards at Tulane are also astounding
42 and include the 2020 Stephen Martin Scholar Award, PPF Football
43 Third Team All-Conference, Phil Steele Third Team All-Conference,



44 number two ranked linebacker and ranked number 49 out of the top
45 100 players in college football for the 2020 season, Louisiana
46 Player of the Week Honor, two-time AAC Defensive Player of the
47 Week, AAC Conference Championship Most Outstanding Defensive
48 Player of the Game, AAC Honor Roll, AAC Academic All-American,
49 Academic All-District Team, three-time All-Conference Honors, PFN
50 3rd Team All-American, and Cotton Bowl Scholar-Athlete Award
51 Recipient; and

52 WHEREAS, Nicholas served for three seasons as a captain of
53 the Tulane University Football Team, served as a youth instructor
54 for Play Build NOLA, served as the chairman of My Ally: Student
55 Athlete Diversity and Inclusion and served as a volunteer and
56 coordinator for Team Community Service; and

57 WHEREAS, in May 2022, Nicholas graduated cum laude from
58 Tulane University with a 3.5 GPA and bachelor of arts degree in
59 homeland security studies and double minor in health and wellness
60 and sociology, and he is currently preparing for the 2023 NFL
61 Draft while also continuing his graduate school requirements for a
62 master's degree in sports studies with certifications in sports
63 administration and sports medicine; and

64 WHEREAS, once in the NFL, Nicholas hopes to continue
65 advocating for the homeless and for enlisting strong role models
66 for fatherless male children and teens with the goal to develop
67 and implement nonprofit organizations to support these two causes



68 and to one day win the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award for
69 community service; and

70 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
71 recognize and commend the lives of fine Mississippians, especially
72 men such as Nicholas Anderson, who has inspired young men
73 throughout the state to strive for their dreams despite the
74 challenges that lie ahead, which has brought glory and honor to
75 the City of Vicksburg and to this great Magnolia State:

76 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
77 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
78 commend and congratulate Nicholas Anderson for his numerous
79 academic and athletic accomplishments, and express best wishes for
80 continued success in all of his future endeavors.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
82 furnished to Nicholas Anderson and to the members of the Capitol
83 Press Corps.

