

By: Senator(s) Hopson, Butler (38th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

1 A RESOLUTION OFFERING THE SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS OF THE  
2 MISSISSIPPI SENATE TO NICHOLAS ANDERSON OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI,  
3 IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING FOOTBALL AWARDS AT THE HIGH  
4 SCHOOL, JUNIOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LEVEL AND FOR HIS CAMPUS  
5 LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

6 WHEREAS, we join the family, friends and fellow citizens of  
7 Vicksburg, Mississippi, in recognizing the athletic, academic and  
8 community awards of Nicholas Anderson who is the grandson of  
9 Vicksburg Mayor and former Representative George Flaggs; and

10 WHEREAS, the life and accomplishments of Nicholas Anderson  
11 are an inspiration for all athletes. Nicholas acquired a passion  
12 for sports as a very young YMCA athlete, and football became his  
13 niche, leading to academic and athletic success throughout  
14 elementary, high school and college careers. Constant faith and  
15 maintaining academic excellence were and have remained his first  
16 priority; however, he gave football just as much fervor and  
17 determination. He graduated with a 4.61 GPA and third in his 2018  
18 Vicksburg High School class of 221 seniors. Some of Nicholas'  
19 high school athletic accomplishments include: First Team



20 All-State, First Team All-District, All-District Most Valuable  
21 Linebacker, and back-to-back All-County Defensive Player of the  
22 Year. Participating in community awareness activities through  
23 Vicksburg High School and Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy fostered  
24 his dedication to helping others in need, especially children and  
25 the homeless; and

26 WHEREAS, he chose to attend Jones Junior College. After one  
27 academic semester and football season, he transferred from Jones  
28 with a 4.0 GPA in addition to First All-State and All-Conference  
29 at the junior college level, and Junior College All-American  
30 awards. Nicholas matriculated to Tulane University in the 2019  
31 spring semester. Life at this prestigious university was amazing,  
32 adventurous and awarding for him. Through sheer diligence and  
33 determination, he overcame hardships, enjoyed achievements,  
34 reached goals and became a heartfelt part of the  
35 Tulane family. Through Tulane and his teammates, Nicholas was  
36 active in feeding and assisting the homeless. He made the honor  
37 roll every semester at Tulane, made the 2019-2020 All-Conference  
38 Academic Team, had a 4.00 GPA for the December 2020 fall semester,  
39 and earned All-Conference Honor Roll vs Temple; and

40 WHEREAS, Nicholas' athletic awards include the 2020 Stephen  
41 Martin Scholar Award; PPF Football Third Team All-Conference; Phil  
42 Steele Third Team All-Conference; number-two Ranked Linebacker for  
43 the 2020 season; and ranked number forty-nine out of the top one  
44 hundred players in college football. Since 2020, he has received



45 a number of accolades, including Louisiana Player of the Week  
46 Honor; AAC Defensive Player of the Week two times; AAC Conference  
47 Championship Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the Game; AAC  
48 Honor Roll; AAC Academic All-American; Academic All-District Team;  
49 All-Conference Honors three times; PFN Third Team All-American;  
50 and Cotton Bowl Scholar-Athlete Award Recipient. In May of 2022,  
51 he graduated Cum Laude (3.5 GPA) from Tulane University; and

52 WHEREAS, Nicholas' work with campus leadership and community  
53 service include:

54 Student Athlete Diversity and Inclusion, Chairman:

55 • Advocating for the growth in relations between African  
56 American student-athletes and nonathletic students at Tulane  
57 University;

58 • Educating groups on financial literacy, history of  
59 positive African American individuals who attended Tulane, social  
60 justice and equality issues, current news and resources to improve  
61 collegiate student experience;

62 • Providing a safe space for African American and other  
63 minority students and student athletes to come and fellowship with  
64 one another;

65 Team Community Service, Volunteer/Coordinator:

66 • Providing and distributing meals for the homeless in the  
67 City of New Orleans on a constant basis;

68 • Planting trees and executing trash cleanups in the Lower  
69 Ninth Ward of New Orleans;



70           • Mentoring and engaging in activities with Son of a Saint,  
71 an organization for fatherless boys in the City of New Orleans;

72           • Visiting the Children's Hospital to socialize with the  
73 patients;

74           PlayBuild NOLA Youth Instructor:

75           • Mentoring children ages 7-13;

76           • Learning ways to connect with the youth to evaluate and  
77 establish long-term aspirations leading to future goals and  
78 accomplishments;

79           • Contributing by organizing and hosting workshops for the  
80 development of skills needed for the children's success;

81           • Providing support to a diverse population of children from  
82 different socioeconomic backgrounds;

83           • Communicating strategies to organization supervisors on  
84 the need for and importance of a development in the relationship  
85 between young male children and adult males in the Community of  
86 New Orleans; and

87           WHEREAS, Nicholas is currently preparing for the 2023 NFL  
88 Draft while also continuing his graduate school requirements for a  
89 master's degree in Sports Studies with certifications in Sports  
90 Administration and Sports Medicine. He is adamant about  
91 advocating for the homeless and for enlisting strong role models  
92 for fatherless male children and teens. His goals are to develop  
93 and implement nonprofit organizations to support these two causes



94 and to one day win the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award for  
95 Community Service. Nicholas is also determined to be a constant  
96 and positive force in the lives of his family. The "I" in the  
97 middle of the word "Faith" not only represents his Tulane football  
98 team number but is also representative of what comes first in his  
99 journey, his life and his success; and

100 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend a young  
101 Mississippi athlete and citizen who has brought honor to his  
102 family, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

103 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
104 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby offer the sincerest congratulations  
105 of the Mississippi Senate to Nicholas Anderson of Vicksburg,  
106 Mississippi, in recognition of his outstanding football awards at  
107 the high school, junior college and university level and for his  
108 campus leadership and community service, and we extend our best  
109 wishes for future professional football and career success.

110 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
111 Nicholas Anderson and his family, forwarded to Vicksburg Mayor  
112 George Flaggs and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

