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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI
 2 SENATE TO THE TEN MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL PLAYERS WHO
 3 PLAYED IN THE 2023 NFL SUPER BOWL.

4 WHEREAS, the Kansas City Chiefs thrilling 38-35 victory over
 5 the Philadelphia Eagles in the 2023 NFL Super Bowl on February 12,
 6 2023, was perhaps the most Mississippi-dominated Super Bowl in
 7 history, with ten Mississippians on the two rosters; and

8 WHEREAS, A.J. Brown, the Eagles' splendid receiver from
 9 Starkville and Ole Miss, caught six passes for 96 yards, including
 10 a 45-yard touchdown. Those are winning statistics. Brown clearly
 11 has become one of the best receivers in the sport; and

12 WHEREAS, for the winning Chiefs, defensive tackle Chris Jones
 13 of Houston and Mississippi State anchored the defensive line,
 14 occupying two Eagles' blockers for most of the night; and

15 WHEREAS, Willie Gay, who weighs 240 and runs like a halfback,
 16 was in on eight tackles, ranging from sideline to sideline from
 17 his middle linebacker position; and



18 WHEREAS, linebacker Darius Harris of Horn Lake and Middle
19 Tennessee State was in on one tackle; and

20 WHEREAS, Eagles' running back Kenneth Gainwell from Yazoo
21 County and Memphis, accounted for 52 yards total, running for 21,
22 catching four passes for 20 more and running back a kickoff 11
23 yards. He scored an apparent touchdown on the first possession of
24 the game only to have it nullified by replay; and

25 WHEREAS, the Eagles and former Southern Miss wide receiver
26 Quez Watkins caught one pass for six yards and narrowly missed a
27 diving try for a much-longer pass; and

28 WHEREAS, also for the Eagles, cornerback Darius Slay,
29 formerly of Mississippi State, made four tackles, and big Fletcher
30 Cox of Yazoo City and Mississippi State made one tackle. Cox,
31 like Chris Jones, was often double-teamed by the Chiefs' blockers.
32 Cox and Jones are perfect examples of how misleading the
33 statistics of defensive linemen can be, they both consistently did
34 their jobs, occupying two blockers; and

35 WHEREAS, Nakobe Rashod Dean was drafted in the third round
36 (83rd overall) of the 2022 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles.
37 Nakobe played high school football at Horn Lake School. As a
38 senior, he won the Butkus Award. His rookie season with the
39 Philadelphia Eagles ended with a trip to Super Bowl LVII; and

40 WHEREAS, backup quarterback for the Eagles in the Superbowl
41 was Gardner Minshew, II, who took the Brandon Bulldogs to the
42 MHSAA 6A Championship Game in 2014. Gardner was the starting



43 quarterback for the Eagles Christmas Eve Game against the Dallas
44 Cowboys; and

45 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has produced a legacy of
46 talent in the National Football League, which surpasses any other
47 state, particularly considering the lower population of our state
48 compared to others; and

49 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize these
50 Mississippi professional athletes who have brought honor to the
51 universities and colleges where they played, to their home
52 communities and to the State of Mississippi:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
54 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the congratulations of the
55 Mississippi Senate to the ten Mississippi professional football
56 players who played in the 2023 NFL Super Bowl, and extend to these
57 players and their families our best wishes on this memorable
58 occasion.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
60 the ten Mississippi professional football players who participated
61 in the 2023 NFL Super Bowl, forwarded to the Athletic Directors of
62 their former Mississippi universities and colleges and made
63 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

