

By: Senator(s) Suber, Barnett

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MISSISSIPPI
 2 UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN BASKETBALL PLAYER CONLEY LANGFORD UPON BEING
 3 RECOGNIZED AS 2022-2023 "STUDENT ATHLETE OF THE YEAR" PRESENTED BY
 4 THE UNITED STATES COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (USCAA), THE
 5 FIRST PLAYER IN MUW'S HISTORY TO RECEIVE THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD.

6 WHEREAS, on March, 12, 2023, Mississippi University for Women
 7 Women's Basketball Player Conley Langford earned the Top 2022-2023
 8 Post-Season Honor, "Student-Athlete of the Year," presented by the
 9 United States Collegiate Athletic Association at the Awards
 10 Ceremony & Skills Competition; and

11 WHEREAS, the USCAA Student-Athlete of the Year considers
 12 academic success, campus and community involvement, along with
 13 athletic accomplishments; and

14 WHEREAS, the Owls' Sophomore sensation from Calhoun City High
 15 School, Calhoun City, Mississippi, scored high in all three core
 16 areas, as she became the first-ever player to win the award in the
 17 MUW program's five-year history; and

18 WHEREAS, "Conley checked off all of the boxes for the ideal
 19 Student-Athlete of the Year," MUW Head Coach Drew Johnson said



20 beaming, after learning of Langford's selection. "She's a 4.0
21 student in the classroom, a highly involved individual on campus
22 and in the community, a team leader, as well as a player who
23 appeared in the USCAA's Top 10 in no less than seven categories,
24 and as good of a player as she is, she's an even better person";
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Conley Langford was a key reason the Owls' team had
27 the third-best grade point average (3.43) among all of the MUW
28 athletic teams during the fall term, as she carried a perfect 4.0
29 during the term, and she has had a 4.0 GPA in every term of her
30 college career. Langford was also a USCAA All-Academic Team
31 Honoree for 2022-2023 and recognized on The W Athletic Director's
32 Honor Roll last fall; and

33 WHEREAS, Langford's "balance" is further demonstrated by a
34 long list of volunteerism and involvement that even predates her
35 time at The W. While at MUW, she has given her time at the
36 Diabetes Walk for a Cure for the City of Columbus, helped staff
37 the school's volleyball home contests on the gameday crew, was a
38 clinician at her team's Elite Camp, has been a donor for
39 Mississippi blood drives, and helped fundraise for MUW women's
40 basketball by staffing concessions at Mississippi State University
41 football games; and

42 WHEREAS, in her hometown, she is just as involved. For the
43 past five years, Langford has volunteered at the Dog Lover's
44 League No-Kill Shelter. She is a volunteer coach in both



45 basketball and softball for no less than three different high
46 schools (her own alma mater, plus two other schools where former
47 coaches of hers now work). She also volunteers with Operation
48 Christmas each year via her home church; and

49 WHEREAS, while at Northwest Mississippi Community College,
50 where she played her first season, Langford was a new student tour
51 guide, as well as a peer tutor. Even during her time in high
52 school and elementary school, she coordinated students for
53 Operation Angel Tree donations; and

54 WHEREAS, on the court, Langford was twice named USCAA Player
55 of the Week in 2022-2023 and averaged a double-double of 17.9
56 points and 10.4 rebounds per game for the season (one of just
57 three USCAA players to do so). She is the only USCAA player in
58 the top 10 in scoring, rebounding and three-point field goals
59 made. She tallied in double-digit scoring in 15 of 18 games; had
60 double-figure rebounds in 10 of 18 games; had one or more
61 three-point field goals in 17 of 18 games, and had five-plus field
62 goals made in 14 of 18 games. In USCAA stats, she ranked No. 3 in
63 scoring, No. 7 in rebounds, No. 3 in 3FG made, No. 1 in 3FG
64 attempted and No. 6 in total field goals made. Coach Johnson
65 stated, "Conley is by far one of the hardest-working players I
66 have ever coached. Conley simply did all that was asked of her
67 with quiet dignity and max effort"; and

68 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the MUW Faculty
69 and Athletic Department in recognizing an outstanding university



70 athlete who has brought honor to her school, her community and to
71 the State of Mississippi:

72 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
73 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate
74 Mississippi University for Women Basketball Player Conley Langford
75 upon being recognized as 2022-2023 "Student Athlete of the Year"
76 presented by the United States Collegiate Athletic Association the
77 first player in MUW's history to receive this prestigious award,
78 and extend to Conley and her family our best wishes for future
79 academic and professional success.

80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
81 Conley Langford and her family, forwarded to Coach Drew Johnson
82 and MUW President Nora Roberts Miller and the Board of Trustees of
83 State Institutions of Higher Learning and made available to the
84 Capitol Press Corps.

