

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.

