

By: Representatives Deweese, Horan

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING JALANI
2 DAVIS FOR WINNING THE 2024 NCAA INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
3 CHAMPIONSHIPS, WOMEN'S WEIGHT THROW.

4 WHEREAS, Ole Miss senior, and two-time NCAA Champion, Jalani
5 Davis, successfully defended her national title in the women's
6 weight throw at the 2024 NCAA Women's Indoor Track and Field
7 Championships, held in Boston, Massachusetts, on March 7-9, 2024,
8 a truly extraordinary achievement; and

9 WHEREAS, born in Columbus, Georgia, to Jacqueline and Kenneth
10 Davis, Ms. Davis grew up between Harker Heights, Texas, and
11 Hampton, Virginia, where she went to Bethel High School, and while
12 at Bethel, she earned three varsity letters, was a two-time state
13 champion, a two-time All-State honoree, a three-time Team MVP and
14 was a team captain all four years, as well as Virginia MileSplit's
15 Thrower of the Year; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Davis joined Ole Miss as a walk-on in
17 2019-2020, and has since blossomed into one of the best all-around
18 throwers in both NCAA and world history, and during her Rebel



19 career, she has become a two-time NCAA Champion, 10-time NCAA
20 qualifier, seven-time All-American, four-time SEC Champion,
21 nine-time SEC medalist, the 2024 USTFCCCA South Region Women's
22 Field Athlete of the Year, and a four-time USTFCCCA All-Academic
23 honoree; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Davis also owns 29 career NCAA points, including
25 an Ole Miss record 26 points indoors, as well as 96 points at the
26 SEC level, and she is the only woman in world history to break 80
27 feet in the weight throw and 60 feet in the shot put, and she has
28 done so twice in her career within the same meet; and

29 WHEREAS, on the international stage, Ms. Davis is a
30 three-time U.S. qualifier, a two-time NACAC U23 medalist, and was
31 a member of Team USA for the 2023 World Athletics Championships in
32 Budapest, Hungary, following her bronze medal shot put finish at
33 the U.S. Championships; and

34 WHEREAS, indoors in 2024, Ms. Davis permanently etched her
35 name into the record books as one of the best weight throwers in
36 world history, and she successfully defended her national title in
37 the women's weight throw, becoming the first Rebel woman to ever
38 repeat as an NCAA champion in any event, indoors or outdoors, and
39 she also became the first repeat winner in the women's weight
40 nationally since 2009-2010, and one of just seven in collegiate
41 history to ever win multiple titles in the event, and her victory
42 also made Ole Miss one of just three schools to win at least three
43 in a row; and



44 WHEREAS, Ms. Davis won by nearly seven feet on her winning
45 toss of 81 feet, 4.5 inches, making her the No. 4 performer in
46 NCAA meet history, and earlier in the season, she threw 82 feet,
47 3.75 inches to rank No. 3 in collegiate history and No. 9 in world
48 history, and she is only the third collegiate woman to ever break
49 25 meters in the weight throw, only the 10th in world history, and
50 she ended her indoor career as the collegiate record holder, in
51 career 80-foot throws (6), tied the collegiate record in 24-meter
52 throws' (9) and tied for second in 23-meter throws (21), and she
53 owns 12.4 percent of all 23-meter throws in collegiate history, as
54 well as 19.1 percent of all 24-meter throws, 35.3 percent of all
55 80-foot throws, and owns one of just seven to ever travel at least
56 25 meters in the collegiate ranks; and

57 WHEREAS, outstandingly, under the direction of ninth-year
58 Head Coach Connie Price-Smith, Ole Miss is one of just two schools
59 nationally to have placed both its men's and women's track and
60 field teams within the top-15 indoors in each of the last three
61 seasons; and

62 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
63 extraordinary student-athletes, especially those such as Jalani
64 Davis, who completed her ascension from walk-on to superstar,
65 repeating as NCAA Champion and putting herself into rare company
66 in the history of her sport collegiately, and whose hard work,
67 dedication, and outstanding accomplishments bring honor to Ole
68 Miss and to the State of Mississippi:



69 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
70 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
71 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and commend Jalani Davis for
72 winning the 2024 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships,
73 Women's Weight Throw, and express our most sincere wishes for
74 continued success in all her future endeavors.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
76 furnished to Jalani Davis and to the members of the Capitol Press
77 Corps.

