

By: Representatives Hulum, Johnson, Clark, Hines, Osborne, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Hall, Harness, Hawkins, Holloway (76th), Jackson (45th), James-Jones, Karriem, McCray, McKnight, Mickens, Nelson, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING AMESHYA  
 2 WILLIAMS-HOLLIDAY FOR HER OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS, AND FOR BEING  
 3 THE FIRST MISSISSIPPI HBCU PLAYER DRAFTED BY THE WNBA.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ameshya Williams-Holliday, of Gulfport,  
 5 Mississippi, is the first Mississippi HBCU player drafted by the  
 6 WNBA, a truly outstanding accomplishment; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2022, the Indiana Fever selected Mrs.  
 8 Williams-Holliday 25th overall (1st pick in 3rd round), which made  
 9 her the second highest drafted HBCU player in league history, the  
 10 first HBCU player selected in the WNBA since 2002, and the sixth  
 11 player from an HBCU selected in the history of the league; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams-Holliday is a three-time, first-team  
 13 All-SWAC selection (2020, 2021, 2022), a three-time league  
 14 Defensive Player of the Year (2020, 2021, 2022), and in 2022,  
 15 became the first SWAC player since 2019 to win both SWAC Player of  
 16 the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors in the same  
 17 season; and



18           WHEREAS, a true inspiration, Mrs. Williams-Holliday remains  
19 connected to the game, and has been putting together basketball  
20 camps and is head coach for a youth team for girls basketball; and

21           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
22 recognize and honor extraordinary Mississippi athletes, especially  
23 those such as Mrs. Ameshya Williams-Holliday, whose hard work,  
24 dedication, and service brings honor to Jackson State University  
25 and to the State of Mississippi:

26           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
27 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
28 recognize and commend Mrs. Ameshya Williams-Holliday for her  
29 outstanding achievements, and for being the first Mississippi HBCU  
30 player drafted by the WNBA, and extend best wishes to her for  
31 continued success in all her future endeavors.

32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
33 furnished to Mrs. Ameshya Williams-Holliday, and to the members of  
34 the Capitol Press Corps.

