

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.

