

By: Representatives Bell (65th), Hulum

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 81

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING KEN EVANS, JR.,
2 UPON BEING NAMED 2024 SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE PLAYER OF
3 THE YEAR.

4 WHEREAS, Ken Evans, Jr., Jackson State University (JSU)
5 Tigers men's basketball star guard, has been named the 2024
6 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Player of the Year, a
7 truly exceptional achievement; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans, a graduate of Forest Hill High School in
9 Jackson, Mississippi, had a historic regular season for the
10 Tigers, breaking into the top 10 leaderboard of most points scored
11 in their JSU career, joining current associate head coach Trey
12 Johnson; and

13 WHEREAS, outstandingly, Mr. Evans led the team in scoring
14 during the 2023-2024 season, and was the only player to start all
15 31 regular season games, and he averaged a career-high 18.9 points
16 and 5.5 rebounds per game on 41% shooting from the field and 40%
17 from three-point range; and



18 WHEREAS, a native of Jackson, Mississippi, Mr. Evans became
19 the ninth player from JSU to be named the SWAC Player of the Year
20 and the first since 2021, and he joins the Tigers' assistant
21 coach, Trey Johnson, as a SWAC Player of the Year award-winner,
22 and Mr. Evans was also named to the All-SWAC First Team; and

23 WHEREAS, Jackson State University has the second-most winners
24 of this illustrious award, and past winners of the award for the
25 Tigers include back-to-back winners Eugene Short (1974 and 1975)
26 and his younger brother Purvis Short (1977 and 1978), along with
27 Lindsey Hunter (1993), Trey Johnson (2006-2007), Garrison Johnson
28 (2009-2010), and Tristan Jarrett (2020-2021); and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans finished the regular season atop the SWAC
30 in scoring, eighth in assists (2.87), fourth in defensive rebounds
31 (4.26), and first in minutes played, and he scored his 1,000th
32 career point this year; and

33 WHEREAS, additionally, Mr. Evans earned SWAC Player of the
34 Week on two different occasions and scored 20 points or more in 11
35 games during the season and in double-figures in each SWAC game he
36 played, including a career-high 37 against Arkansas-Pine Bluff;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
39 recognize and commend extraordinary Mississippi student-athletes,
40 especially those such as Mr. Evans, whose hard work and dedication
41 brings honor to the sport of basketball, Jackson State University,
42 and to the State of Mississippi:



43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
45 commend and congratulate Mr. Ken Evans, Jr., upon being named 2024
46 SWAC Player of the Year, and extend best wishes for continued
47 success in all his future endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
49 furnished to Ken Evans, Jr., and to the members of the Capitol
50 Press Corps.

