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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 119

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JORDAN O'NEAL,
 2 UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024 SWAC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

3 WHEREAS, Jordan O'Neal has ascended to the pinnacle of
 4 basketball excellence as he was named the Southwestern Athletic
 5 Conference (SWAC) Defensive Player of the Year, becoming the first
 6 Jackson State University player to win the award since Jayveous
 7 McKinnis won the award three years in a row from 2020 through
 8 2022, a first for the SWAC; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Mobile, Alabama, Jordan O'Neal is a
 10 force on the defensive end of the floor and led the SWAC in
 11 blocked shots (1.48) and field goal percentage (.606), averaging
 12 12.6 points per game, and he also averaged 6.10 rebounds per game,
 13 including 2.45 offensive and 3.66 defensive rebounds; and

14 WHEREAS, additionally, O'Neal earned SWAC Impact Player of
 15 the Week twice and SWAC Player of the Week, and he recorded two
 16 double-doubles this season against Florida A&M and Prairie View
 17 A&M; and



18 WHEREAS, a true defensive star, O'Neal recorded five blocks
19 twice this season and scored in double figures in 18 games, and he
20 finished the season with 43 total blocks; and

21 WHEREAS, Jordan O'Neal is an invaluable asset to the Tigers
22 on both sides of the ball, as he is the second-leading scorer on
23 the team averaging 11 points per game, and he scored 18 points
24 against Missouri when the Tigers upset them 73-72 on the road
25 November 19 and 16 points against Georgetown in an 88-81 loss
26 November 25; and

27 WHEREAS, in the CP3 HBCU Challenge, O'Neal scored 19 points
28 against Howard in an 81-74 victory in the championship game and 24
29 points against North Carolina A&T in a 68-60 win, and he was
30 selected to the all-tournament team and the SWAC Impact Player of
31 the Week; and

32 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
33 recognize and commend extraordinary Mississippi student-athletes,
34 especially those such as Jordan O'Neal, whose hard work and
35 dedication brings honor to the sport of basketball, Jackson State
36 University, and to the State of Mississippi:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
39 commend and congratulate Jordan O'Neal, upon being named the 2024
40 SWAC Defensive Player of the Year, and extend best wishes for
41 continued success in all his future endeavors.



42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
43 furnished to Jordan O'Neal and to the members of the Capitol Press
44 Corps.

