

By: Representatives Crudup, McMillan

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 110

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MADISON BOOKER FOR
2 BEING NAMED THE SEC PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND AS A SEMIFINALIST FOR
3 THE NAISMITH TROPHY.

4 WHEREAS, Madison Booker, the 2024 First Team All-American and
5 Cheryl Miller Award winner, was announced as the SEC Player of the
6 Year and is a semifinalist for the Naismith Trophy, which goes to
7 the national player of the year, and her SEC Player of the Year
8 title marks back-to-back conference player of the year honors for
9 Booker, who was the 2024 Big 12 Player of the Year as a freshman;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, a native of Ridgeland, Mississippi, Madison Booker
12 was a tall, long-armed, sweet-shooting seventh grader in
13 Mississippi when she started getting recruiting attention from
14 college coaches, and among those coaches was then-Mississippi
15 State coach Vic Schaefer, and while he would eventually head to
16 Texas, he always kept a firm eye on the talented youngster
17 draining fade-away jumpers back in Ridgeland; and



18 WHEREAS, Madison eventually signed with Schaefer at the
19 University of Texas, where she has delivered on the expectations
20 that come with being one of the nation's elite recruits, and after
21 leading the Longhorns to the Elite Eight as a freshman last
22 season, she has pushed them to heights the program hasn't seen in
23 more than 20 years; and

24 WHEREAS, according to her coach, being a great player and
25 living up to everyone's expectations is the most difficult thing
26 to do, especially when she is preseason (All-American), getting
27 everybody's best shot, and the first person talked about in the
28 scouting report, but Madison did it with flying colors, and
29 performed extremely well her freshman year; and

30 WHEREAS, her freshman year, Madison, who was playing point
31 guard after an injury to Rori Harmon, led Texas to win 33 games,
32 the most for the program since the 1985-1986 national championship
33 team won 34, and advanced to the Elite Eight, and she averaged
34 16.5 points and five rebounds that season and was the first
35 freshman to win Big 12 Player of the Year; and

36 WHEREAS, this season, Madison, who is now a 6-feet-1-inch
37 sophomore, was able to slide back into her normal, creative role
38 off the ball, and after slimming down in the off season, she is a
39 leaner, quicker, more durable player who averages 16.2 points and
40 6.6 rebounds over 31 minutes per game as a part of a Texas offense
41 that largely ignores 3-point shooting; and



42 WHEREAS, additionally, Madison has also improved on defense,
43 as Texas is one of the best defensive teams in the country and she
44 has been a key part of that, averaging 1.6 steals per game; and

45 WHEREAS, Madison has scored in double figures in 27 games and
46 20 or more points in 12 games this season, and she ranks second on
47 the team in rebounding and has seven double-doubles on the season,
48 and as an incredibly efficient player, she is shooting 45.9
49 percent from the field on the season, 43.9 percent from 3-point
50 range and 82.9 percent from the free-throw line; and

51 WHEREAS, Madison helped Texas win a Big 12 Tournament
52 championship as a freshman last year and was named the Most
53 Outstanding Player of the tournament, and she led Texas to a SEC
54 regular season championship this season; and

55 WHEREAS, when discussing her SEC Player of the Year award,
56 Madison thanked her teammates, her coaching staff, the Longhorn
57 program, her support staff, her parents and friends, but most
58 importantly, God, for the ability to get the award the first year
59 Texas is in the SEC; and

60 WHEREAS, while Madison got off to a slow start in SEC play
61 this year, she flipped a switch after the first loss to South
62 Carolina, and decided that she wasn't going to let anybody take
63 her out of the game again, and her shift in play led Texas to a
64 15-game win streak following the initial loss; and

65 WHEREAS, in the Longhorns last eight games against ranked
66 opponents, including five wins against top-10 teams, Madison is



67 averaging 20.5 points per game and 7.6 rebounds per game while
68 shooting 45 percent from the field and 85 percent from the
69 free-throw line; and

70 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
71 recognize and honor fine Mississippians, especially those such as
72 Madison Booker, whose stellar performance at the University of
73 Texas has brought great pride to the Ridgeland community and to
74 the State of Mississippi:

75 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
76 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
77 commend and congratulate Madison Booker for being named the SEC
78 Player of the Year and as a semifinalist for the Naismith Trophy,
79 and extend our most sincere wishes for continued success in all
80 her future endeavors.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
82 furnished to Madison Booker and to the members of the Capitol
83 Press Corps.

