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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI
2 SENATE TO PHILADELPHIA EAGLES RUNNING BACK AND FORMER YAZOO COUNTY
3 HIGH SCHOOL QUARTERBACK KENNETH GAINWELL FOR HIS OUTSTANDING 2025
4 SUPERBOWL CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCE.

5 WHEREAS, as the final seconds ticked off the clock and
6 brought the end to the 2024-2025 NFL season, Philadelphia Eagles
7 Running Back and former Yazoo County High School Quarterback
8 Kenneth Gainwell realized his lifelong dream of becoming a Super
9 Bowl Champion. In the Eagles 40-22 rout over the Kansas City
10 Chiefs, Gainwell had six carries for ten yards; and

11 WHEREAS, Kenneth Gainwell grew up in Yazoo City, Mississippi,
12 and attended Yazoo County High School. He was a three-year
13 starter quarterback for the Panthers. As a junior, he passed for
14 1,184 yards and nine touchdowns and rushed for 1,292 yards and 20
15 touchdowns; and

16 WHEREAS, during the summer going into his senior season,
17 Gainwell committed to playing college football at Memphis State
18 University over offers from Ole Miss and Tulane. As a senior at
19 Yazoo County High School, he passed for 1,139 yards and ten



20 touchdowns and ran for 1,834 yards and 32 touchdowns. Gainwell
21 was named Class 3A Mr. Football as he led the Panthers to a 14-1
22 record and an appearance in the Class 3A State Championship Game.
23 Gainwell finished his high school career with 3,682 yards passing
24 and 32 passing touchdowns and 4,730 rushing yards and 75 rushing
25 touchdowns with one kickoff returned for a touchdown; and

26 WHEREAS, Gainwell moved to running back during summer
27 training camp and played in four games as a true freshman before
28 deciding to redshirt the rest of the season. He finished the
29 season with four carries for 91 yards and a touchdown, a 73-yard
30 run, and six receptions for 52 yards; and

31 WHEREAS, as a redshirt freshman, Gainwell was named the
32 Tigers' starting running back following the departure of Tony
33 Pollard. He was named the co-American Athletic Conference (AAC)
34 Player of the Week after rushing for 104 yards and a touchdown and
35 gaining 204 yards and scoring two touchdowns on nine receptions on
36 October 19, 2019, in a 47-17 win over Tulane. He rushed for 1,459
37 yards with 13 touchdowns on 231 carries and caught 51 passes for
38 610 yards and three touchdowns and was named the AAC Freshman of
39 the Year and first-team All-AAC. He was named a second-team
40 All-American by the *Sporting News* and the American Football
41 Coaches Association and the National Freshman of the Year by the
42 Football Writers Association of America; and

43 WHEREAS, Gainwell was selected in the fifth round (150th
44 overall) by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 2021 NFL draft.



Gainwell was happy to be drafted by Philadelphia, as he grew up an Eagles fan, and his favorite player while growing up, Darren Sproles, works for the team as a consultant. Gainwell also said that he modeled his game after Sproles. He signed his four-year rookie contract with Philadelphia on June 3, 2021. Gainwell found moderate success as a rookie, as he ended the year with 68 carries for 291 yards and five touchdowns, while adding 33 receptions for 253 yards and one touchdown; and

WHEREAS, in the 2022 season, Gainwell had 53 carries for 240 rushing yards and four rushing touchdowns to go along with 23 receptions for 169 receiving yards. In the team's 38-7 Divisional Round victory over the New York Giants, he had 10 carries for a career-high 112 yards and a touchdown, as well as one reception for nine yards. This performance made him just the sixth Eagles player to rush for at least 100 yards in a postseason game. Gainwell helped the Eagles reach Super Bowl LVII where they lost 38-35 to the Kansas City Chiefs. In the Super Bowl, Gainwell had seven carries for 21 rushing yards and four receptions for 20 receiving yards; and

WHEREAS, in the 2023 season, he had 84 carries for 364 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns to go with 30 receptions for 183 receiving yards. In the 2024 season, Gainwell had 75 carries for 290 rushing yards and one rushing touchdown to go with 16 receptions for 116 receiving yards to go with some kick return



69 duties. In Super Bowl LIX, he had six carries for ten yards in
70 the 40-22 win over the Chiefs; and

71 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize a
72 Mississippi professional athlete who has brought honor on a
73 national stage to his community and to the State of Mississippi:

74 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
75 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend and congratulate
76 Philadelphia Eagles running back and former Yazoo County High
77 School Quarterback Kenneth Gainwell for his outstanding 2025
78 Superbowl Championship performance and convey to Kenneth and his
79 family our best wishes for future success.

80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
81 Eagles Running Back Kenneth Gainwell, forwarded to the President
82 of the Philadelphia Eagles, the Yazoo County Superintendent, and
83 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

