

By: Ford

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 138
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING JARIOUS JACKSON FOR HIS
2 OUTSTANDING FOOTBALL CAREER.

3 WHEREAS, Jarious Jackson, a native of Tupelo, Mississippi,
4 was the starting quarterback and sole captain for the University
5 of Notre Dame Fighting Irish for the 1999 season; and

6 WHEREAS, during his high school career, Jarious Jackson, a
7 young man with remarkable athletic ability, played quarterback,
8 defensive back and outside linebacker in football for three years,
9 played as a forward in basketball for one year and ran track as a
10 sprinter for two years; and

11 WHEREAS, Jarious Jackson earned numerous honors for his
12 outstanding performance on the football field including his
13 selection to the prep All-American teams by SuperPrep, Prep
14 Football Report and Bluechip Illustrated; his rank of sixth
15 nationally among quarterbacks by Bluechip Illustrated and 10th
16 nationally by SuperPrep; and his selection to the
17 Mississippi-Alabama All-Star game; and

18 WHEREAS, as a senior and starting quarterback for Tupelo High
19 School, Jarious Jackson accounted for 2,100 yards of total
20 offense, completing 54 of 134 passes for 880 yards and seven
21 touchdowns and rushing for more than 850 yards; and

22 WHEREAS, having been recruited by the legendary Lou Holtz,
23 Jarious Jackson attended the University of Notre Dame after
24 graduating from Tupelo High School; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1999, Jarious Jackson was the starting
26 quarterback for the Fighting Irish, breaking the Notre Dame

27 single-season records with 2,753 passing yards and total offense
28 with a total of 3,217 yards previously held by Joe Theismann from
29 1970; and

30 WHEREAS, in addition, Jarious Jackson completed 184 of 316
31 passes, which is another single-season record, and finished with
32 4,503 career passing yards, good for fourth on the all-time Notre
33 Dame list; and

34 WHEREAS, Jarious Jackson received recognition and honors for
35 his exceptional talent as a football player, such as honorable
36 mention by the 1999 football All-American honors from Football
37 News, Irish Most Valuable Player by his teammates in 1999, one of
38 15 semifinalists for the 1999 Football News Offensive Player of
39 the Year Award, one of 25 candidates for The Davey O'Brien
40 Foundation National Quarterback Award, and selection to the
41 All-Star Gridiron Classic; and

42 WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Notre Dame
43 with a degree in Business Administration with emphasis in
44 Marketing, Jarious Jackson was selected by the Denver Broncos in
45 the seventh round of the 2000 NFL Draft; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
47 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by remarkable
48 athletes such as Jarious Jackson:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
51 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Jarious
52 Jackson for his outstanding football career and extend heartiest
53 wishes for success in all his future athletic endeavors.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
55 furnished to Jarious Jackson and to the members of the Capitol
56 Press Corps.