

By: Representatives Young, Broomfield

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. IDREES KENYATTA WALKER UPON HIS
2 MANY OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Idrees Kenyatta Walker, a native of Meridian,
4 Mississippi, was born on February 1, 1979; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker attended the Meridian Public Schools and
6 was a student in the Lauderdale County School System, where his
7 mother taught; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1997, Mr. Walker graduated from Meridian High
9 School, where he was an exceptional football player and honored
10 numerous times by his selection to The Meridian Star's All-County
11 Football Team, The Clarion Ledger's All-State Football Team, the
12 Mississippi Association of Coaches' All-Star Team, the
13 Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Team, and the USA Today's
14 All-American Team; and

15 WHEREAS, having such a successful high school football
16 career, Mr. Walker was highly recruited by hundreds of colleges
17 and universities across the nation; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker selected the University of Florida in
19 Gainesville and played football under the former Heisman Trophy
20 winner, Coach Steve Spurrier; and

21 WHEREAS, as a Florida Gator, Mr. Walker achieved many honors
22 and awards including starting as a freshman offensive right
23 tackle, which he continued throughout his entire college career;
24 named to the 1998 Football News Freshman All-American Football
25 Team; selected to the 1999 All-Southeastern Conference (SEC)
26 Football Team; selected to the 1999 SEC Football Academic Honor
27 Roll; helped his team win the SEC 2000 Football Championship;



28 named to the 2000 All-SEC Football Team; selected as 2000's Best
29 Blocker in the SEC; and named as a Third Team Football News
30 All-American; and

31 WHEREAS, in the spring of 2001, Mr. Walker became eligible
32 for the National Football League Draft and was selected as the
33 fourteenth player in the first round of the draft to play for the
34 Tampa Bay Buccaneers as a six foot five inch, 300 pound offensive
35 tackle; and

36 WHEREAS, in his short professional career as a Buccaneer, Mr.
37 Walker has been named to the NFL's Rookie Team and led the Tampa
38 Bay Buccaneers to their first ever NFL division title and to win
39 the 2003 Super Bowl XXXVII World Football Championship; and

40 WHEREAS, as an active member of the Boys and Girls Clubs
41 program in his community as a young man, Mr. Walker continues to
42 be an active participant in that organization by giving his time,
43 money and other resources; and

44 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker has established the Kenyatta Walker
45 Foundation, which he uses to support Boys and Girls Clubs across
46 the State of Mississippi; and

47 WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Walker organized the first annual
48 Kenyatta Walker Foundation Golf Tournament, which was cosponsored
49 by Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore and brought more than
50 30 professional football players to participate at Dancing Rabbit
51 Golf Course in Choctaw, Mississippi; and

52 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker has been lovingly supported throughout
53 all his academic and athletic endeavors by his mother, Carolyn
54 Walker Brantley and his sister, Khalilah Shanta Walker; and

55 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
56 recognize and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mr.
57 Walker, who has already accomplished so much in his young life and
58 sets a fine example for the young people of this state:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby



61 commend and congratulate Mr. Idrees Kenyatta Walker for his
62 outstanding accomplishments and community service and express our
63 heartiest wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to Mr. Idress Kenyatta Walker and to the members of the
66 Capitol Press Corps.

