

By: Representatives Denton, Ford (54th),
Harness, Hines, Banks

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE REMARKABLE ATHLETIC
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE OF NICHOLAS
3 ANDERSON UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024 MOST OUTSTANDING ROOKIE OF THE
4 CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi House of Representatives is pleased
6 to recognize the extraordinary achievements of Nicholas Anderson,
7 a native of Vicksburg, Mississippi, whose unwavering faith,
8 athletic excellence, and dedication to service have earned him the
9 title of 2024 Most Outstanding Rookie in the Canadian Football
10 League (CFL); and

11 WHEREAS, born prematurely 25 years ago to Emmarie Flagg,
12 Nicholas overcame overwhelming odds to become a beacon of
13 resilience and success, shaped by an early foundation rooted in
14 faith, family, learning, and leadership; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson first discovered his passion for
16 football as a young YMCA athlete, which, when combined with
17 academic diligence, propelled him to graduate with a 4.61 GPA and
18 rank third in his 2018 Vicksburg High School class of 221
19 students, while also garnering accolades such as First Team



20 All-State, District Most Valuable Linebacker and back-to-back
21 County Defensive Player of the Year; and

22 WHEREAS, after initially attending Jones Junior College where
23 he maintained a 4.0 GPA and was named All-State, All-Conference,
24 and a Junior College All-American, Nicholas transferred to Tulane
25 University, continuing his academic and athletic distinction, and
26 graduating Cum Laude in May 2022 with a 3.5 GPA; and

27 WHEREAS, his collegiate career was marked by an array of
28 honors including the Stephen Martin Scholar Award, multiple
29 All-Conference selections, and recognition as Tulane's 2023 Male
30 Teammate of the Year, along with earning the Cotton Bowl
31 Scholar-Athlete Award; and

32 WHEREAS, after completing a professional opportunity with the
33 New Orleans Saints following the 2023 NFL draft, Nicholas
34 transitioned to the CFL, where during his rookie season with the
35 Edmonton Elks, he recorded 116 total tackles, setting a franchise
36 record and achieving the second-highest rookie total in CFL
37 history, alongside 3 sacks, 1 interception and 2 forced fumbles,
38 leading to his selection as the CFL's 2024 Most Outstanding Rookie
39 and as a member of the All-CFL and CFL West All-Star teams; and

40 WHEREAS, beyond the field, Mr. Anderson is a committed
41 advocate for underserved populations, focusing his community
42 efforts on supporting homeless individuals and mentoring
43 fatherless youth through his platform "F.A.1.T.H." (Furthering
44 Athletes 1st Through Hope), while also authoring the workbook,



45 *Practicing Detachment in Sports*, to inspire athletes to cultivate
46 purpose beyond athletics; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House or Representatives to
48 recognize individuals of Nicholas' esteemed caliber, whose life,
49 legacy and mission serve as an embodiment of discipline, humility,
50 purpose and profound faith as he continues to bring honor to the
51 State of Mississippi through his professional achievements and
52 compassionate outreach:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
54 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
55 commend and celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of Mr.
56 Nicholas Anderson upon being named the 2024 Most Outstanding
57 Rookie of the Canadian Football League, and extend best wishes for
58 continued success in all his future endeavors both on and off the
59 field.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
61 furnished to Mr. Nicholas Anderson and to the members of the
62 Capitol Press Corps.

