

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend DeVonta Versean Smith on his accomplishments as the recipient of the 2020 Heisman Trophy and numerous awards and accolades.

WHEREAS, DeVonta Versean Smith was born on November 14, 1998, in Hammond, Louisiana, to Christina Smith-Sylve & Kelvin Dickerson; and

WHEREAS, DeVonta Versean Smith grew up in Amite, Louisiana, where he graduated from Amite High Magnet School in May 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, as a freshman wide receiver at the University of Alabama, Mr. Smith had eight receptions for one hundred sixty yards and three touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, in the 2018 College Football Playoff National Championship against the University of Georgia, DeVonta Smith had the game-winning touchdown reception in overtime to give Alabama the twenty-six to twenty-three victory; and

WHEREAS, as a sophomore in 2018, he had forty-two receptions for six hundred and ninety-three yards and six touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith continued to build his resume with another strong season in his junior year with sixty-eight receptions and over one-thousand yards with fourteen touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2020, Smith broke the all-time Southeastern Conference (SEC) career record for most scored touchdowns on that day when he scored two touchdowns against the University of Kentucky and was named the SEC offensive player of the year; and

WHEREAS, DeVonta Smith of the University of Alabama was The Associated Press College Football Player of the Year for 2020 and the first wide receiver to win the award since it was established in 1998; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2021, Mr. Smith was awarded the 2020 Heisman trophy, making him the eighty-sixth winner of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2021, Mr. Smith played in the 2021 College Football Playoff National Championship game against Ohio State and Mr. Smith set records for title game catches, touchdown receptions, totaled two hundred fifteen yards, and was named offensive most valuable player of the championship game despite leaving early in the third quarter with a hand injury; and

WHEREAS, he won numerous awards including the Maxwell Award as the college football player of the year, the Walter Camp player of the year, the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver, the Paul Hornung Award winner for the most versatile player in major college football, and *Sporting News'* 2020 Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith graduated from the University of Alabama in the summer of 2020 and earned the respect of many from his home state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate DeVonta Versean Smith on a remarkable collegiate football career and does hereby recognize and record for posterity his achievements on the gridiron, including being a recipient of the 2020 Heisman Trophy and numerous awards and accolades, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to DeVonta Versean Smith.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES