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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 121

BY SENATOR GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends former Haughton High School and Mississippi State University star and Dallas Cowboys quarterback "Dak" Prescott on being named Rookie of the Year by two entities.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Rayne Dakota "Dak" Prescott on being named Rookie of the Year by the
3	Associated Press and Pepsi.
4	WHEREAS, Dak Prescott, former Haughton High School star, was named the
5	Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year and the National Football League (NFL)
6	Rookie of the Year by Pepsi; and
7	WHEREAS, he received twenty-eight and one-half votes from fifty media members
8	who regularly cover the NFL to be named Offensive Rookie of the Year by the Associated
9	Press; and
10	WHEREAS, the Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Year award was voted on by the fans; and
11	WHEREAS, in 2010, during his senior year at Haughton High School, Dak
12	completed one hundred fifty-nine of two hundred fifty-eight passes for two thousand eight
13	hundred sixty yards and thirty-nine touchdowns, ending the Buccaneers' season with an
14	impressive overall record of 12-1; and
15	WHEREAS, he also rushed for nine hundred fifty-one yards on ninety attempts with
16	seventeen touchdowns; and
17	WHEREAS, in 2011, as a member of the Mississippi State Bulldogs football team,
18	Dak was redshirted as a true freshman; and

1	WHEREAS, in 2012, he played in twelve games, completed eighteen of twenty-nine
2	passes for one hundred ninety-four yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions, and
3	scored four rushing touchdowns with one hundred ten yards on thirty-two carries; and
4	WHEREAS, during the 2013 season, he played in eleven games, completing one
5	hundred fifty-six of two hundred sixty-seven passes for one thousand nine hundred forty
6	yards with ten touchdowns and seven interceptions; and
7	WHEREAS, he also ran for eight hundred twenty-nine yards on one hundred
8	thirty-four carries with thirteen touchdowns and was named Most Valuable Player of the
9	2013 Liberty Bowl after leading the Bulldogs to a 44-7 win over the Rice Owls; and
10	WHEREAS, his 2013 season performance ranks seventh in passing yards, tied for
11	fifth in rushing touchdowns, and fourth in total yards and total touchdowns; and
12	WHEREAS, following the season he was named to the 2013 Southeastern
13	Conference (SEC) Fall Academic Honor Roll; and
14	WHEREAS, in his first season as a full-time starter in 2014, Dak led the Bulldogs
15	to a 10-2 regular season record, its first number one ranking in program history, and to the
16	Orange Bowl; and
17	WHEREAS, during the 2014 season, he broke ten school records including single
18	season passing yards, total yards of total offense, passing touchdowns, and total touchdowns;
19	and
20	WHEREAS, Dak also garnered several accolades throughout and following the
21	season, including being named the Manning Award Player of the Week five times, the 2014
22	SEC Offensive Player of the Week three times, the Athlon Sports, Davey O'Brien, Maxwell
23	Award Player of the Week two times each, and was the 24/7 Sports National Offensive
24	Player of Week; and
25	WHEREAS, he was named a 2014 Honorable Mention All-American by SI.com, was
26	named to the 2014 First-Team All-SEC team by the Associated Press, coaches, and
27	ESPN.com, and was on the 2014 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll; and
28	WHEREAS, prior to the 2015 season, Dak was named a 2015 National Player of the
29	Year Candidate, selected to two preseason All-American teams, and was chosen First-Team
30	Preseason All-SEC by the media; and

1	WHEREAS, during the 2015 season he passed for three thousand seven hundred
2	ninety-three yards, twenty-nine passing touchdowns, and ten rushing touchdowns; and
3	WHEREAS, during that same season he became the fourth player in the NCAA
4	Division I Football Bowl Subdivision history to pass for sixty touchdowns and rush for forty
5	touchdowns in a career; and
6	WHEREAS, his two thousand four hundred eleven rushing yards places him third
7	in all-time rushing yards by a quarterback in SEC history, fourth in SEC history with one
8	hundred seven total touchdowns, and fifth in total rushing and passing yards with eleven
9	thousand one hundred fifty-three; and
10	WHEREAS, in the Bulldogs' 2015 game against Arkansas, Dak set the school single
11	game record and tied the SEC single game record with five passing and two rushing
12	touchdowns and set a new school record for touchdown passes in a single game; and
13	WHEREAS, following his performance in the Bulldogs' victory over Kentucky, a
14	game in which he passed for three hundred forty-eight yards and three touchdowns to go
15	along with one hundred seventeen yards and three rushing touchdowns, he was named the
16	AutoNation National Offensive Player of the Week by the Football Writers Association of
17	America, the Davey O'Brien Award National Quarterback of the Week, a Manning Award
18	Star of the Week by the Allstate Sugar Bowl, and the SEC offensive player of the week; and
19	WHEREAS, he won the Conerly Trophy, was a finalist for the Maxwell Award, the
20	Davey O'Brien award, the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm award, and the Manning Award, and
21	finished eighth in the 2014 Heisman Trophy voting, receiving two first place votes; and
22	WHEREAS, for his college career, he finished third in SEC history in total yards,
23	fourth in total touchdowns, and he holds thirty-eight school records; and
24	WHEREAS, Dak was drafted in 2016 by the Dallas Cowboys in the fourth round and
25	was elevated to starter after preseason injuries to backup Kellen Moore and veteran Tony
26	Romo; and
27	WHEREAS, he was an integral part of the Cowboys win eleven straight games,
28	finishing the regular season 13-3 but losing to the Green Bay Packers 34-31 in the National
29	Football Conference (NFC) divisional playoffs; and
30	WHEREAS, during the regular season, Dak passed for three thousand six hundred

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1 sixty-seven yards and twenty-three touchdowns with four interceptions; and 2 WHEREAS, his six rushing touchdowns set a single season franchise record by a 3 Cowboy's quarterback; and 4 WHEREAS, he finished his 2016 rookie season with a record eleven games with an over 100 NFL passer rating, breaking the rookie record of nine games set by Russell Wilson 5 6 in 2012 and tying Ben Roethlisberger's 2004 rookie record of winning thirteen games as a 7 starter; and 8 WHEREAS, Dak's rookie season garnered several accolades including Offensive 9 Rookie of the Month in November 2016, Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week five times, Pepsi 10 NFL Rookie of the Year, selection to the Pro Bowl, and NFL Rookie of the Year; and 11 WHEREAS, Rayne Dakota "Dak" Prescott's exceptional and successful career as a 12 quarterback with the Haughton High School Buccaneers, the Mississippi State University 13 Bulldogs, and the Dallas Cowboys, and being named Rookie of the Year by the Associated 14 Press and Pepsi brings great pride to the city of Haughton, the parish of Bossier, and the state 15 of Louisiana. 16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Rayne Dakota "Dak" Prescott on an impressive and exceptional 17 18 career with the Haughton High School Buccaneers, the Mississippi State University 19 Bulldogs, and the Dallas Cowboys, and on being named Rookie of the Year by the 20 Associated Press and Pepsi, and does hereby wish him full measures of continued success 21 in the future. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to 22 23 Rayne Dakota "Dak" Prescott. The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part

of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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