

2021 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATOR MIZELL

COMMENDATIONS. Commends DeVonta Versean Smith of Amite, Louisiana, on being the recipient of the 2020 Heisman Trophy.

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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 to 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

1 Conference (SEC) career record for most scored touchdowns on that day when he scored two
2 touchdowns against the University of Kentucky and was named the SEC offensive player
3 of the year; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

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Commends DeVonta Versean Smith on his accomplishments as wide receiver for the University of Alabama and on being the recipient of the 2020 Heisman Trophy and numerous awards and accolades.