**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE DYNAMIC ATHLETICISM OF TRAVIS ETIENNE, STARTING RUNNING BACK OF THE CLEMSON TIGERS’ FOOTBALL TEAM FROM 2017 TO 2020, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR HIS FIRST‑ROUND DRAFT SELECTION IN THE 2021 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DRAFT BY THE JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is delighted to pause in deliberations to honor the athletic accomplishments of Travis Etienne and to applaud his first‑round selection in the 2021 National Football League Draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars; and

Whereas, born in January 1999, he played football and basketball at Jennings High School in Louisiana. As a junior, he had 2,938 rushing yards in just eleven games with forty‑two touchdowns and an additional five catches for 134 yards. In his senior year, he rushed for 2,459 yards on just 211 attempts and had thirty‑five rushing touchdowns with 2,799 all‑purpose yards and thirty‑nine total touchdowns. In his high school career, he amassed 7,518 rushing yards in forty‑two games for one hundred three rushing touchdowns and eighteen receptions for 421 yards. He was named the first‑team All‑Southwest Louisiana in 2015 and 2016 and State AAA MVP, first‑team All‑Louisiana Coaches Association, and first‑team All‑USA Today Louisiana, all in 2015; and

Whereas, in 2017 as a freshman for Clemson University, Travis Etienne was twice named ACC Rookie of the Week, against Boston College on September 23 and against Florida State on November 11. He was an All‑ACC Academic selection and posted a team‑high 766 yards and thirteen touchdowns with five receptions for fifty‑seven yards in 244 snaps over thirteen games; and

Whereas, in his sophomore year, he was named the ACC Player of the Year and ACC Offensive Player of the Year and received unanimous first‑team AP All‑ACC selection, AP ACC Offensive Player of the Year, and the Blanchard‑Rodgers Trophy as the best collegiate football player in or from South Carolina, while producing the most prolific rushing season in school history, a school‑record 1,658 yards on 204 carries with another school‑record twenty‑four rushing touchdowns, adding twelve catches for 78 yards and two touchdowns, in 486 snaps over fifteen games; and

Whereas, Mr. Etienne was four times named ACC Running Back of the Week in his junior year in contests with Georgia Tech, Florida State, North Carolina State, and Wake Forest. He was named the ACC Player of the Year for the second straight season, rushing 1,614 yards on 207 carries with nineteen touchdowns, along with thirty‑seven catches for another 432 yards and four touchdowns, in 579 snaps over fifteen games; and

Whereas, after his junior year, he was coveted by many NFL teams, but he passed on the NFL Draft and returned to Clemson for a fourth season amid the Covid Pandemic, much to the delight of Clemson Coach Dabo Swinney and Clemson fans. He rushed 168 times for 914 yards with fourteen touchdowns, adding 588 yards in forty‑eight receptions and two touchdowns, in 543 snaps over twelve games; and

Whereas, in one of the most prolific college careers in Clemson, ACC, and college football history, Mr. Etienne rushed 686 times for 4,952 yards with seventy rushing touchdowns and caught one hundred two passes for 1,155 yards and eight receiving touchdowns, playing in 1,852 career snaps over fifty‑five games, starting in forty‑two of them. He became the ACC’s all‑time leading rusher in 2020 and was one of only three Tiger running backs in the program’s history to be named a Consensus All‑American. He accomplished this phenomenal career while completing a bachelor’s degree in sports communication in 2020, ahead of his classmates; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate appreciates the pride and recognition that Travis Etienne has brought to Clemson University and to the Palmetto State, and the members wish him continued success in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize the dynamic athleticism of Travis Etienne, starting running back of the Clemson Tigers’ football team from 2017 to 2020, and congratulate him for his first‑round draft selection in the 2021 National Football League Draft.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Travis Etienne.

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