

House Resolution 100

By: Representatives Pirkle of the 169<sup>th</sup>, Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>, Meeks of the 178<sup>th</sup>, and Williams of the 148<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Rashod Bateman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, born on November 29, 1999, Rashod Bateman attended Tift County High  
3 School followed by the University of Minnesota, which he attended on scholarship as a wide  
4 receiver; and

5 WHEREAS, during his freshman year, he set a record with 51 receptions, 704 receiving  
6 yards, and six touchdowns, and in his senior year, he was named first team All-State after  
7 catching 83 passes for 1,539 yards and 21 touchdowns; and

8 WHEREAS, as additional testament to his distinguished college athletic record, he was  
9 named a semi-finalist for the Fred Biletnikoff Award and first team All-Big Ten after  
10 catching 57 passes for sophomore records of 1,170 yards and 11 touchdowns; and

11 WHEREAS, Rashod was selected by the Baltimore Ravens for the 27th overall pick of the  
12 2021 NFL Draft, making him the first Gopher to be drafted in the first round since 2006, and  
13 on May 2021, he signed with the Ravens on a \$12.6 million contract; and

14 WHEREAS, after an unfortunate injury during the 2021 season, this tenacious young man  
15 came back in full force as the full time starting wide receiver in 2022; and

16 WHEREAS, his superior skill, strategy, stamina, and control have earned him the respect and  
17 admiration of his teammates and challengers; and

18 WHEREAS, this stellar young man epitomizes the courage, determination, leadership, and  
19 character necessary to attain excellence in athletic prowess and performance; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the superlative abilities of this  
21 accomplished young man, as well as the pride, honor, and respect he has brought to himself,  
22 his school, and his community, be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Rashod Bateman for his exemplary  
25 athletic performance and extend best wishes for continued success both on and off the field.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
28 Rashod Bateman.