

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY SENATOR PERRY AND REPRESENTATIVE MIGUEZ

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Elijah Mitchell on his outstanding football career at Erath High School and to wish him much success with his upcoming college career at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette as a Ragin' Cajun.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the numerous honors bestowed upon #3 Elijah Mitchell who earned the Vermilion Parish and Erath High School Football's All Time Most Valuable Player Award; and

WHEREAS, early in the 2016-2017 season Elijah Mitchell was being dubbed the five thousand yard man because of his extraordinary rushing abilities, but he far exceeded that number by season's end with a career total thus far of 6,629 total rushing yards, breaking it down he improved his rushing yards each year over his prior season far with 1,043 yards as a freshman, 1,099 yards as a sophomore, 1,707 yards as a junior, and an unprecedented 2,780 yards during his senior season; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell had a career total of seventy-eight rushing touchdowns, 7,164 total yards, ninety-six total touchdowns, thirteen games of two hundred plus yards, and three games of three hundred plus yards (all in his 2016 season); and

WHEREAS, this year he averaged two hundred thirteen yards per game, forty-one touchdowns scored, eight games of two hundred fifty plus yards, three games of three hundred plus yards, with three hundred sixteen yards vs. Vermilion Catholic, three hundred thirty-four yards vs. Berwick, and three hundred thirty-one yards vs. Eunice; and

WHEREAS, because of Elijah Mitchell's extraordinary talents, he has broken and set numerous records and received many accolades throughout his high school football career; Vermilion Parish record for single game rushing yards with 336 yards; Vermilion Parish record for rushing yards in a season with 2,780 yards; Vermilion Parish record for rushing

yards in a career with 6,629 yards; four time All District 1st Team Running Back; 2016 All District Offensive Most Valuable Player; three-time All Parish 1st Team Running Back; 2016 All Parish Offensive Player of the Year; two-time All Acadiana 1st Team Running Back; three-time Best of the Teche Running Back; I-10 Bowl All Star Game Running Back; Class 3A All State Outstanding Offensive Player; and he was chosen as the USA Today's All Louisiana Football Team Running Back; and

WHEREAS, because of his numerous accomplishments throughout high school, Elijah Mitchell was recruited heavily to play college football by a number of colleges and universities throughout Louisiana and all over the country, but he ultimately chose to stay close to home so his friends, family, and fans could continue to watch him play the game that he loves to play on a collegiate level; and

WHEREAS, Elijah Mitchell has signed to play football for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns; and

WHEREAS, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of loyal young men like Elijah Mitchell who is using his considerable skills and talents to bring pride and recognition to his home state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Elijah Mitchell on his outstanding football career at Erath High School and wishes him much success with his upcoming collegiate career as a Ragin' Cajun.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Erath head football coach David Comeaux and Elijah Mitchell.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES