

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 208

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend JaCorey Williams upon being named the Conference-USA Player of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly recognize those superior athletes who, given their determination, preparedness, and talent, have been honored for their outstanding abilities in the athletic arena; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary sportsman is JaCorey Williams of the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Blue Raiders men's basketball team, who was recently named the Conference-USA (C-USA) Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in being awarded this title, Mr. Williams becomes only the sixth Blue Raider to earn a top player honor in their respective conferences, the last being named in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the MTSU senior was also named a first-team All-C-USA member after a regular season, during which he led his team both in scoring, with 17.5 points per game, and in rebounding, with 7.4 boards per game; and

WHEREAS, it is unquestionable that Mr. Williams is an indomitable player on the court, having this year alone accounted for eleven double-doubles; and

WHEREAS, last year, the Birmingham, Alabama, native set his career high in scoring with 31 points, which guided the Blue Raiders to a 73-70 overtime victory against the University of Toledo at the Challenge in Music City Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the very next day, JaCorey Williams scored 25 points and made 10 rebounds in his first double-double of the season against the University of Evansville, allowing MTSU to sweep all three games and win the tournament; for his efforts, Mr. Williams was named Tournament Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, JaCorey Williams's achievements both on and off the court are a testament to the success of MTSU's athletic program and a source of pride for Mr. Williams's family, his peers, the coaches and staff at MTSU, and this great State; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud JaCorey Williams for his outstanding performance as a member of the MTSU Blue Raiders men's basketball team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend JaCorey Williams upon being named the Conference-USA Player of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.