

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 476

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A RESOLUTION to honor Jeremiah Martin upon his outstanding career with the University of Memphis Tigers men's basketball team.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to our exemplary athletes who have attained the pinnacle of competition, bringing great honor and acclaim to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such extraordinary athlete is Jeremiah Martin, a senior basketball player for the University of Memphis Tigers; a unanimous first team all-conference selection, he is renowned for his scoring ability, athleticism, intelligence, and leadership on the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, the leading scorer in the American Athletic Conference (AAC) for 2018-2019, Jeremiah Martin averaged 19.7 points, 4.3 rebounds, and 4.4 assists per game this season for the Tigers and upped his already exceptional game even more in conference play by averaging 23.2 points per game; and

WHEREAS, during the four-day span of February 20-23, 2019, Jeremiah Martin was dominant in a two-game stretch in which he averaged 40 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, and 3.5 steals; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2019, he dropped 43 points against Tulane in a home victory, thus becoming the first player in Memphis basketball history to score 40 or more points twice in a season—he scored 41 points on February 2 against South Florida—and setting the record for the most points scored in a single game by a college player in the history of the FedEx Forum; and

WHEREAS, Jeremiah Martin also set AAC single-game records for most points (43) and most field goals (15) versus Tulane; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2019, Jeremiah Martin scored 37 points as the Tigers claimed an important road win over Wichita State; and

WHEREAS, his brilliant performances against Tulane and Wichita State in conference play earned Jeremiah recognition as the CBS Sports National Player of the Week; and

WHEREAS, after leading Memphis to the semifinals of the AAC Tournament, Jeremiah Martin displayed his incredible talents once again in the National Invitation Tournament, putting up a game-high 21 points and 7 rebounds in a victory over San Diego and a game-high 20 points and 4 assists in a close loss versus Creighton; and

WHEREAS, as a junior, Jeremiah Martin led the Tigers in points, field goals, three-point field goals, assists, and steals, despite missing seven games due to injury, and he was the second-leading scorer in the AAC, with an 18.9 points per game average; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding young man should be recognized for his many exciting and record-setting performances for the Memphis Tigers as he departs the university to pursue what is sure to be a bright future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Jeremiah Martin upon his outstanding career with the University of Memphis Tigers men's basketball team and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

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