

By Senator Montford

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the outstanding performance of Florida State University quarterback Jameis Winston during the 2013 football season and congratulating him on his election as the 2013 recipient of the Heisman Memorial Trophy.

WHEREAS, Jameis Winston was born on January 6, 1994, and attended Hueytown High School in Hueytown, Alabama, where he was regarded by many experts as the best high school quarterback in the nation, and

WHEREAS, with offers from several universities, including Stanford University, the University of Alabama, and Ohio State University, on February 2, 2012, Jameis Winston signed his letter of intent to attend Florida State University, and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2013, as a redshirt freshman, Jameis Winston started his first game as quarterback of the Florida State University Seminoles playing against the University of Pittsburgh Panthers, where he quickly made himself known by completing 25 of 27 passes for 356 yards and 4 touchdowns, and

WHEREAS, Jameis Winston helped lead the 2013 Seminoles football team to a perfect 12-0 regular season, an Atlantic Coast Conference Championship, and the 2014 Vizio Bowl Championship Series National Championship, and

WHEREAS, completing his season with 4,057 passing yards and a school single-season record of 40 passing touchdowns, Jameis Winston became the first freshman quarterback in college history to throw 4,000 passing yards and 40 touchdown passes, and

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30 WHEREAS, at the Home Depot College Football Awards on
31 December 12, 2013, Jameis Winston was awarded the Walter Camp
32 Player of the Year Award and the Davey O'Brien National
33 Quarterback Award, and

34 WHEREAS, on December 14, 2013, less than a month before his
35 20th birthday, Jameis Winston became the second freshman, and
36 the youngest player ever, to win the Heisman Memorial Trophy,
37 college football's most coveted and prestigious player award,
38 and

39 WHEREAS, Jameis Winston is the third Florida State
40 University football player to win the Heisman Memorial Trophy,
41 following fellow quarterback legends Charlie Ward and Chris
42 Weinke, NOW, THEREFORE,

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44 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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46 That the Florida Senate recognizes the outstanding
47 performance of Florida State University quarterback Jameis
48 Winston during the 2013 football season and congratulates him on
49 his election as the 2013 recipient of the Heisman Memorial
50 Trophy.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
52 presented to Jameis Winston as a tangible token of the
53 sentiments expressed in this resolution.