

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1082

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Precious Achiuwa upon being named the American Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those student athletes who bring honor and acclaim to their universities and to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Precious Achiuwa, a freshman member of the University of Memphis Tigers basketball team, is one such individual, who was recently named the 2019-2020 American Athletic Conference (AAC) Player of the Year, a fitting recognition of the important role he played in the Memphis Tigers' success this season; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Achiuwa turned in a remarkable freshman season, becoming the first player in the history of the American Athletic Conference to be named both Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year in the same season; and

WHEREAS, hailing from Queens, New York, Precious Achiuwa has exhibited an unwavering commitment to excellence in his first season with the Tigers, averaging a remarkable 15.8 points, 10.8 rebounds, and two blocks per game while shooting 49.3 percent from the floor during regular season play; and

WHEREAS, he also posted the most double-doubles, eighteen, among all freshman and in the entire AAC, and broke the university's record in the process; and

WHEREAS, the 6'9" forward also amassed ten 20-point games in the regular season; his best game arguably came against Tulane, when he had 22 points, 22 rebounds and 5 blocks; and

WHEREAS, Precious Achiuwa was one of the Tigers' best offensive players all season; his three-point shooting was especially strong, hitting a total of thirty-six 3-pointers and shooting 31.3 percent from beyond the arc; and

WHEREAS, the top freshman rebounder in the nation, Mr. Achiuwa was also named to a pair of all-conference teams, the All-AAC First Team and the AAC All-Freshman Team; and

WHEREAS, Precious Achiuwa has displayed an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of personal and athletic excellence, and it is wholly fitting that he be recognized by this General Assembly; 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 recognize and commend Precious Achiuwa of the University of Memphis upon his receipt of the American Athletic Conference Player of the Year Award, applauding his dedication to the pursuit of excellence in all his endeavors, and extending our best wishes for his continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.