

Senators Cherry and Gleason offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 114.

A resolution to honor Mark Ingram as the recipient of the 2009 Heisman Trophy.

Whereas, Mark Ingram has been an iconic figure who was born in Flint, Michigan, to his parents, Mark Sr. and Shonda Ingram. He is a former resident of Grand Blanc, Michigan, and has been awarded the Heisman Trophy for his extraordinary abilities as a sophomore running back for the University of Alabama; and

Whereas, Mark Ingram evolved as an athlete his freshman year at Grand Blanc High School during the 2004-2005 season. During his three-year high school career as a varsity football player, Mark ran for 3,585 yards, scored 45 touchdowns, and broke countless city records. After transferring to Southwestern High School, Mark continued to dazzle spectators and earned the All-Area honoree title four years in a row and was an All-State selection his senior year; and

Whereas, Mark accepted the opportunity to play under Coach Nick Saban as a Crimson Tide running back. Currently, his sports resumé would include rushing a school record of 1,542 yards, 6.2 yards per carry, and scoring a staggering 18 touchdowns. Following his countless victories during the 2009-2010 season, Mark has been acknowledged on the Southeastern Conference All-Decade Team, as well as being ranked the sixth-best running back in the nation; and

Whereas, He has been a shining example not only on the football field, but as a son, student, and friend. His caring nature and ability to overcome all odds is nothing more than impressive and witnessed by all who come into contact with him; and

Whereas, Mark Ingram has demonstrated tremendous leadership skills that will serve him well throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body support Mark Ingram. It is with great pleasure to acknowledge Mark Ingram in his successful football season and applaud his distinctive demeanor as the 2009 Heisman Trophy winner; and be it further

Resolved by the Senate, That a copies of this resolution be transmitted to Mark Ingram and the Heisman Committee in recognition of our deepest congratulations and support of him being awarded the Heisman Trophy.