

Senate Resolution 971

By: Senators James of the 35th, Henson of the 41st, Rhett of the 33rd, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Cameron Jerrell "Cam" Newton for his leadership,
2 accomplishment, incredible athletic abilities, and for advancing to the 50th NFL Super Bowl
3 and upon being named the 2015-2016 NFL MVP; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the son of Bishop Cecil Newton, Sr., and Jackie Newton, and the brother of
5 Cecil Newton, Jr., Cameron Jerrell "Cam" Newton has from his earliest years demonstrated
6 outstanding leadership skills and achieved remarkable records and accomplishments in his
7 football career; and

8 WHEREAS, as a junior at Westlake High School in Fulton County under the coaching
9 leadership of Coach Dallas Allen, Cameron Jerrell "Cam" Newton ran 638 yards for nine
10 touchdowns, threw for 2,500 yards, and completed 118 out of 189 pass attempts for 23
11 touchdowns; and

12 WHEREAS, as the quarterback of his junior college football team at Blinn College in Texas,
13 Cam led his team to the 2009 NCJAA National Football Championship; and

14 WHEREAS, he started the first game of the 2010 college football season as the Auburn
15 University Tigers' quarterback and was recognized as the Southeastern Conference Offensive
16 Player of the Week for leading his team to a 52-26 victory over Arkansas State, and he set
17 a new Auburn record for rushing yards by a quarterback, gaining 171 yards and making two
18 touchdowns in 15 carries; and

19 WHEREAS, that same year, Cam set an SEC record for the most rushing yards by a
20 quarterback when he rushed for 217 yards in Auburn's win over Louisiana State University
21 and became the first SEC player to ever throw for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in a
22 single season; and

23 WHEREAS, he led the Auburn Tigers to a BCS Championship and most recently, the
24 Carolina Panthers to Super Bowl 50 in 2016; and

25 WHEREAS, he was selected as the 76th winner of the Heisman Memorial Trophy as the
26 Most Outstanding College Player in the United States for 2010, becoming the third native
27 Georgia son to win this coveted trophy, and is the only football player to win a Heisman
28 trophy, national championship, and become the first overall pick in the NFL draft in a
29 one-year period; and

30 WHEREAS, Cam Newton has remembered to always put God first, as evidenced by his
31 Heisman Trophy acceptance speech, which he started by stating, "First, giving all the honor
32 and glory to God, who is the head of my life. Without him we would not even be here right
33 now."

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend Cameron Jerrell "Cam" Newton for his leadership, accomplishment, incredible
36 athletic abilities, and for advancing to the 50th NFL Super Bowl and upon being named the
37 2015-2016 NFL MVP.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Cameron Jerrell "Cam" Newton.