

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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4 *Commending Jamarii Thomas.*

5 Patrons—Hayes, Anthony, Askew, Callsen, Clark, Feggans, Glass, Mundon King, Scott, D., Sewell and Ward

6 WHEREAS, in 2024, Jamarii Thomas, a guard on the Norfolk State University men's basketball
7 team, received the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year
8 awards and the BOXTOROW HBCU National Co-Player of the Year award; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Greensboro, North Carolina, Jamarii Thomas led The Burlington School
10 Spartans to a 24-7 record and a North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association state
11 championship in his senior year of high school; and

12 WHEREAS, after two productive seasons at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, Jamarii
13 Thomas transferred to Norfolk State University (NSU) in his junior year and went on to lead the
14 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) in scoring with an average of more than 17 points per game
15 and two 20-point performances; and

16 WHEREAS, Jamarii Thomas also finished the season with an 81.3 free throw percentage and the
17 most free throws in the league, as well as an impressive average of 3.8 assists and 2.0 steals per game;
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19 WHEREAS, as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year
20 and the BOXTOROW HBCU National Co-Player of the Year award winner, Jamarii Thomas was
21 selected as a member of the 2023-2024 Men's Basketball All-MEAC Team and the BOXTOROW
22 HBCU All-America First Team; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to winning the MEAC regular season title, Jamarii Thomas and the NSU
24 Spartans finished their 2023-2024 season on a high note, defeating the Purdue University Fort Wayne
25 Mastodons by a score of 75-67 at the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament in March 2024; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Jamarii Thomas hereby be commended on winning the
28 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year awards and the
29 BOXTOROW HBCU National Co-Player of the Year award during his 2023-2024 season with the
30 Norfolk State University men's basketball team; and, be it

31 WHEREAS, RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
32 for presentation to Jamarii Thomas as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his
33 exceptional athletic achievements.

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