2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 7


Relating to: congratulating Melvin Gordon III on his remarkable college football career with the University of Wisconsin–Madison Badgers.

Whereas, Melvin Gordon III was born and raised in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and graduated from Bradford High School; and

Whereas, Melvin Gordon III had a standout senior year at Bradford, rushing 2,009 yards and scoring 38 touchdowns on only 158 carries, an average of 12.7 yards per attempt; and

Whereas, Melvin Gordon III was so successful at Bradford High School that he received a football scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin–Madison; and

Whereas, Melvin Gordon III continues to maintain strong ties to Kenosha by visiting Bradford High School to work with and inspire current students and student-athletes; and

Whereas, Melvin Gordon III is known for his incredible work ethic and dedication to training, particularly in the form of middle-of-the-night workouts; and
Whereas, Melvin Gordon III is the fastest college football player in history to reach 2,000 yards, doing it in just 241 carries; and

Whereas, Melvin Gordon III set a new NCAA single-game rushing record, rushing 408 yards in 25 carries in just three quarters of play for UW-Madison versus Nebraska on November 15, 2014; and

Whereas, Melvin Gordon III finished the 2014 season with 2,587 yards and 29 touchdowns; and

Whereas, Melvin Gordon III has received numerous awards, including being named first-team All-American, Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year, Big Ten Running Back of the Year, and First Team All-Big Ten; and

Whereas, Melvin Gordon III was a 2014 Heisman Trophy finalist, finishing second in votes to receive the prestigious award; and

Whereas, Melvin Gordon III received the Doak Walker Award, given to the nation’s top running back; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature salutes Melvin Gordon III on his remarkable college football career with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Badgers and wishes him the best of luck in his future in professional football; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Assembly Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Melvin Gordon III.