

By: Representative Ford

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING CALVIN THIGPEN FOR BEING
2 AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP.

3 WHEREAS, Calvin Thigpen, a senior at the University of
4 Mississippi and a student in the McDonnell-Barksdale Honors
5 College, was recently awarded the Rhodes Scholarship, which is the
6 most coveted academic award for American undergraduates; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Thigpen, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Tate Thigpen,
8 is a 1994 graduate of Jackson Academy High School, where he was
9 the class valedictorian; and

10 WHEREAS, while at Jackson Academy, Mr. Thigpen served as
11 president of the student council and was named Mr. Jackson
12 Academy; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Thigpen earned a number of awards at Jackson
14 Academy including the Bubba Cox Award, the Dan Morse Award, the
15 Bausch and Lomb Science Award, the Glenn Cain Scholarship, and he
16 was selected as Friendliest Freshman, Syncopated Sophomore and
17 Junior Pick of the Year; and

18 WHEREAS, winning the Academy Overall Cross Country
19 Championship his senior year, Mr. Thigpen actively participated in
20 athletics as a member of the Track Teams and the Cross Country
21 Team; and

22 WHEREAS, after graduating from Jackson Academy in 1994, Mr.
23 Thigpen attended the University of Mississippi, receiving the
24 Newman Scholarship, which at that time was the largest
25 undergraduate scholarship offered by the university; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Thigpen has earned a Taylor Medal, the highest

27 individual academic honor attainable at Ole Miss, and been
28 inducted into a number of honorary societies such as Phi Kappa
29 Phi, Mortar Board, Golden Key, Omicron Delta Kappa and the student
30 Hall of Fame; and

31 WHEREAS, in addition to his outstanding accomplishments in
32 the area of academics, Mr. Thigpen also serves on the Dean of
33 Liberal Arts Search, the Honor Code, Student/Faculty and
34 Intercollegiate Athletics committees and is an active member of
35 Sigma Nu fraternity; and

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Thigpen, a three-year letterman in varsity cross
37 country and indoor and outdoor track, was named SEC Academic
38 All-Conference and been on the SEC Academic Honor Roll for four
39 years; and

40 WHEREAS, maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade-point average with a
41 double major in chemistry and math, Mr. Thigpen was elected by his
42 peers to serve as the 1997-1998 Associated Student Body President;
43 and

44 WHEREAS, Mr. Thigpen, whose selection as one of 32 students
45 from throughout the United States to receive a Rhodes Scholarship
46 comes during the University's Sesquicentennial year, will begin
47 his studies at Oxford University in England, the world's oldest
48 university, in the fall of 1999; and

49 WHEREAS, with the desire to eventually become a physician,
50 Mr. Thigpen will pursue a study of politics, economics and
51 philosophy as a Rhodes Scholar; and

52 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi finds it
53 most appropriate to recognize and commend excellence, especially
54 when evidenced by the young people of our state, who are its
55 future:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
57 REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby
58 commend and congratulate Mr. Calvin Thigpen for being selected as
59 one of 32 students nationwide to study at Oxford University as a

60 Rhodes Scholar and extend our heartiest wishes to Mr. Thigpen in
61 all his future endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 furnished to Mr. Calvin Thigpen and the members of the Capitol
64 Press Corps.