

By: Representative Ford

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

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.