

By: Senator(s) Farris, Ferris

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 555  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING CHRISTINE VARNADO OF  
2 HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, A STUDENT AT DUKE UNIVERSITY, FOR HER  
3 ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS.

4 Whereas, Christine Varnado, a recent graduate of Hattiesburg  
5 High School, has made the Dean's List in her first semester at  
6 Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where she has earned an  
7 impressive 4.0 GPA and number one ranking in her class; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to making the Dean's List, Christine has  
9 been selected as an A.B. Duke Scholar (15 in a class of 1600), has  
10 received the National Alliance for Excellence in Education  
11 National Scholarship Award and has been named winner of a  
12 competitive internship through Terry Sanford Institute for Public  
13 Policy; and

14 WHEREAS, Christine's determination to achieve academic  
15 excellence was quite evident while a senior at Hattiesburg High  
16 School, where she scored a perfect 36 on the American College Test  
17 (ACT), and was one of only 74 students out of 957,301 across  
18 America to make a perfect score, and was named Mississippi's  
19 Outstanding High School Student by the Mississippi Association of  
20 Educators; and

21 WHEREAS, her intended majors at Duke are English and Public  
22 Policy, and she is to be recognized for the following academic  
23 honors and awards: A.B. Duke Scholarship, R.C. Easley STAR  
24 Student Scholarship, Tylenol Corporation Scholarship, Robert C.  
25 Byrd Scholarship, National Merit Corporation Scholarship, Adams  
26 Vision Scholarship, Service Merchandise Scholarship, Laws of Life

27 Essay Winner for Mississippi, VFW Voice of Democracy Winner for  
28 Mississippi and National Finalist and three-year State Champion  
29 for Extemporaneous Speaking; and her university extracurricular  
30 activities include the following: Aycock Dormitory Representative  
31 to Community Service Council, Duke University Publications Board,  
32 Archives Literary Magazine, Duke University Tutorial Program,  
33 Member of Colledgeum Musicum Vocal Performance Group, Student  
34 Intern for Doubletake Magazine, Duke University Quiz Bowl Team,  
35 Duke University Wesley Foundation and Duke Chapel Congregation,  
36 and Duke University Mentor Program; and

37 WHEREAS, Christine's academic excellence has earned for her  
38 and her community the respect and admiration of the Legislature  
39 and of the citizenry of this state:

40 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
41 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
42 we do hereby commend Christine Varnado of Hattiesburg,  
43 Mississippi, a student at Duke University, for her academic honors  
44 and awards, and wish her continued success in her future career.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
46 presented to Christine Varnado and her family and be made  
47 available to the Capitol Press Corps.