

By: Representative Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING KENNETH TOWNSEND UPON THE
2 DISTINCT HONOR OF BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF 32 AMERICAN RHODES
3 SCHOLARS.

4 WHEREAS, Kenneth Townsend, a senior political science major
5 at Millsaps College and the son of Lane and Janice Townsend of
6 Kosciusko, Mississippi, received the distinct honor of being
7 selected as one of America's 32 Rhodes Scholars; and

8 WHEREAS, a Truman Scholar and Ford Foundation Fellow, Kenneth
9 is active in many facets of the campus, by serving as student body
10 president at Millsaps, a leader in many campus organizations,
11 council-wide cochair of the Campus Ministry Team, tutor for
12 Sudanese refugees and participant in four intramural sports; and

13 WHEREAS, Kenneth and his fellow American scholars will enter
14 the University of Oxford in England in October, almost 100 years
15 after the first class of American Rhodes Scholars arrived at the
16 institution in 1904; and

17 WHEREAS, the Rhodes Scholarship, the oldest international
18 study award available to American students, which provides for two
19 or three years of study at Oxford, and it was created in 1902 by
20 Cecil Rhodes, British philanthropist and colonial pioneer; and

21 WHEREAS, Kenneth is making his mark in history by being the
22 first person from the city of Kosciusko to earn the honor, and the
23 second individual in Attala County since Frank Kirby Mitchell
24 received the honor in 1921; and

25 WHEREAS, Kenneth, who contributes much of his success to the
26 support and examples set by his parents, brother and other friends

27 and family, plans to return to Mississippi after the completion of
28 his studies and "work on Mississippi's problems"; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
30 and commend excellence in the youth of our state, who are its
31 future, especially as evidenced by the intelligence and superior
32 academics of Kenneth Townsend:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OR
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
35 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Kenneth
36 Townsend upon his selection as an American Rhodes Scholar and
37 extend our heartiest wishes for success in all his future
38 endeavors.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
40 furnished to Kenneth Townsend and to the members of the Capitol
41 Press Corps.