

By: Representative Scott

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE BEACON OF HOPE SCHOLARSHIP,
2 FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED, AND ITS FOUNDER, M. DEBORRAH HYDE, M.D.
3 FOR HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES THROUGH EDUCATION.

4 WHEREAS, the Beacon of Hope Scholarship Foundation,
5 Incorporated, was created from the dream of its founder, M.
6 Deborah Hyde, M.D., to provide underprivileged, African-American
7 graduating high school students of Mississippi with financial
8 assistance for higher education so that such youth become highly
9 educated and thus attain a level of self-reliance allowing them to
10 be constructive, productive, contributing citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, the Beacon of Hope, in its 13 years of existence,
12 has provided financial support to assist deserving students in
13 their quest to achieve higher education and has presented more
14 than \$100,000 in scholarships and cash awards to academically
15 qualified high school seniors and ninth-grade students excelling
16 in mathematics and science; and

17 WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 20, 2004, the Beacon of Hope
18 Scholarship Foundation, Incorporated, will celebrate 13 years of
19 excellence and commitment to education with its First Annual
20 Scholarship Benefit Dinner, adorned with a most befitting theme:
21 "Hat's Off to Education"; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Deborah Hyde, the founder of Beacon of Hope and
23 an American Diplomat board certified neurological surgeon, who was
24 once a poor underprivileged child of rural Mississippi herself,
25 organized the foundation as a tribute to her mentor and role
26 model, her grandmother, Annie Bell Huff, after whom the
27 scholarship is named; and

28 WHEREAS, Mayor Tom Bradley of the City of Los Angeles,
29 California, and Mayor Henry Bucklew of the City of Laurel,
30 Mississippi, have commended and congratulated Dr. Hyde for her
31 efforts of providing financial assistance to qualified
32 underprivileged African-American students seeking a college
33 education; and

34 WHEREAS, the Beacon of Hope pledges \$4,000.00 in scholarship
35 awards per student, issuing \$1,000.00 per year at the beginning of
36 the fall semester, and a \$500.00 cash award to the ninth-grade
37 student with the highest scientific scholastic average in the
38 Jones County School District; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
40 recognize and commend anyone who seeks to improve the educational
41 and social conditions of the poor children of this state:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
44 recognize, commend and congratulate the Beacon of Hope Scholarship
45 Foundation, Incorporated, and its founder, M. Deborrah Hyde, M.D.,
46 for their diligent efforts in providing underprivileged
47 African-American youth with financial assistance for a college
48 education, and also extend our best wishes for a successful First
49 Annual Scholarship Benefit Dinner.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
51 furnished to Dr. M. Deborrah Hyde, the Beacon of Hope Scholarship
52 Foundation, Incorporated, and members of the Capitol Press Corps.