

By: Senator(s) White, Burton

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MISS TARYN LEIGH
2 FOSHEE UPON BEING NAMED MISS MISSISSIPPI 2006.

3 WHEREAS, Miss Taryn Leigh Foshee, daughter of Jim and
4 Kathleen Foshee of Clinton, Mississippi, was crowned Miss
5 Mississippi 2006 after competing against 42 other contestants in
6 the Miss Mississippi Pageant held in Vicksburg, Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, an active and outgoing student, Taryn graduated with
8 honors from Hillcrest Christian School in 2003, where she served
9 as Senior Class President, on the Honor Council, was inducted into
10 the Hillcrest Hall of Fame and Who's Who Among American High
11 School Students; and

12 WHEREAS, Taryn Foshee, Miss Mississippi 2006, is a Senior in
13 the Shackouls Honors Program at Mississippi State University where
14 she is pursuing a degree in communication with an emphasis in
15 public relations. At Mississippi State University, Taryn is a
16 member of the Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honor Society and Chi
17 Omega Sorority. She was elected to serve in Order of Omega,
18 Freshman Forum, and as President of the Lambda Sigma Honor
19 Society. Taryn was also chosen to be the host of Mississippi
20 State University OnAir, a 2005 Recruitment Counselor, and as the
21 Public Relations Chair for Greek Life. She was the recipient of
22 the 2006 Hank Flick Outstanding Service Scholarship and was a
23 President's Scholar in 2004, 2005, and 2006. Upon graduation,
24 Taryn will continue her education by attending law school; and

25 WHEREAS, a veteran competitor in the pageantry circuit, Miss
26 Foshee's beauty, poise, grace and experience overwhelmingly
27 impressed the panel of judges, thereby enabling her to capture

28 this year's title after placing as second alternate and
29 preliminary talent winner in years 2004 and 2005; and

30 WHEREAS, at the age of 8, Taryn began studying piano, when
31 she soon realized that music would become an integral part of her
32 life. She continued with formal lessons for the next ten years.
33 After high school, Taryn studied with several professional
34 pianists to learn how to entertain through her performances. For
35 the last two years, Taryn has taught young pianists how to connect
36 and communicate with their audience through showmanship and
37 entertainment technique; and

38 WHEREAS, the Miss America Organization's emphasis on the
39 complete person, scholarship, talent, and service is what
40 attracted Taryn to the program. As a 17-year-old high school
41 senior, she began her journey by winning a local title and
42 receiving a nonfinalist talent award at the 2003 Miss Mississippi
43 Pageant. The program was a perfect match for her, and she went on
44 to compete in 2004 being named 2nd alternate and preliminary
45 talent winner. In 2005, she was once again selected 2nd alternate
46 and won a preliminary talent award. The fourth time was the charm
47 for Taryn as she received a preliminary talent award and was
48 crowned Miss Mississippi 2006. Taryn placed 3rd in the National
49 Miss America Pageant where she represented the State of
50 Mississippi with beauty, poise and experience; and

51 WHEREAS, as spokesperson for SON Valley, an assisted living
52 community for adults with mental retardation, Miss Foshee created
53 a presentational DVD for the organization and has spoken to
54 numerous schools, churches and civic organizations promoting its
55 empowering impact on the lives of those who are mentally
56 challenged; and

57 WHEREAS, now as Miss Mississippi, Taryn, who is an ardent
58 advocate for increasing the quality of life for the mentally
59 challenged, and who created the "Adopt a Special Friend" program
60 for high school students, will travel the state establishing

61 chapters of Students Against Destructive Decisions and promoting
62 her platform of empowering young people to make good choices; and

63 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
64 accomplishments, deed, civic dedication of this young
65 Mississippian who has brought honor to the State of Mississippi:

66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
67 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Miss Taryn
68 Leigh Foshee upon being crowned Miss Mississippi 2006 and extend
69 to her our heartiest wishes for success in all her future
70 endeavors.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
72 presented to Miss Taryn Leigh Foshee and made available to the
73 members of the Capitol Press Corps.