

By: Representative Clarke

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 57

1 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MR. WILTON CHARLES
2 JACKSON, II, UPON BEING SELECTED AS A COLLEGIATE *USA TODAY*
3 CORRESPONDENT.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilton Charles Jackson, II, a flourishing junior
5 at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) and native of
6 Jackson, Mississippi, is being honored upon being selected as a
7 prestigious *USA Today* Collegiate Correspondent Program
8 participant; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson, who graduated in the top 10 of his
10 class from Jim Hill High School, is currently a junior broadcast
11 journalism major and is one of only 20 college students from
12 across the country who are participating in the highly sought
13 after journalism correspondent program; and

14 WHEREAS, having been selected after two competitive rounds of
15 writing submissions, Mr. Jackson will submit, during his virtual
16 journalism internship, 14 stories to *USA Today* on various topics
17 that affect college students as well as cover hard new stories;
18 and



19 WHEREAS, as one who is familiar with successes throughout his
20 academic career, Mr. Jackson, a true servant-leader, is known for
21 his dynamic scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities,
22 character, personality and leadership qualities that are exuded by
23 this talented and diverse individual; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson serves in a variety of capacities on the
25 campus of USM, some of which include the following: the
26 distinguished voice of WUSM's *Southern Miss Today*; news and sports
27 writer for *The Student Printz*; reporter for *The Southern Yearbook*;
28 vice president of broadcast for Southern Miss Association for
29 Black Journalists; participant in the Master Class of the
30 Journalist Chuck Scarborough & Sacramento Bee Editor Gregory
31 Favre; official student ambassador; and resident assistant; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson, an Honors College Scholar and recipient
33 of the 2014 Most Outstanding Male Student Eagle Award, has also
34 received a variety of scholarships, some of which include the
35 Robert C. Cook Memorial Scholarship, Tarsha McLaurin Scholarship,
36 Clyde Kennard Memorial Scholarship, Luckyday Citizenship
37 Scholarship Program and the Hillary H. Holloway Scholarship; and

38 WHEREAS, in addition to his receipt of several scholarships,
39 Mr. Jackson has served in various leadership roles, some of which
40 include: Vice Chairman of the Student Government Association
41 Judicial Board in which he received the Most Outstanding Male
42 Service Award; Attorney General of the Student Government
43 Association; junior advisor and national board student



44 representative of Lambda Sigma Honor Society; Vice President of
45 Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; junior advisor of Gamma Beta Phi
46 Honor Society and board member of the Legacy Alumni Association;
47 and

48 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson, in addition to his academic successes,
49 is known for his selfless service to the community, and some of
50 that service is carried out with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,
51 Incorporated, Kappa Iota Chapter at USM, in which he is a member
52 and where he proudly radiates "that Good Old Kappa Spirit"; and

53 WHEREAS, additionally, Mr. Jackson has been selected to
54 participate in the highly selective Undergraduate Leadership
55 Institute on behalf of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, in which he
56 will perfect his ability to lead in multiple contexts; and

57 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson, who aspires to become a sports anchor
58 or digital journalist, is well on his way to pursuing his career
59 goals due to his unique endowment in the area of journalism,
60 which, in turn, will bode well upon his graduation in May of 2015;
61 and

62 WHEREAS, throughout all of his endeavors, Mr. Jackson has
63 been supported by his parents, Wilton and Jacqueline Jackson, who
64 reared him with great faith in God as well as with a staunch work
65 ethic; and

66 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Mississippi House of
67 Representatives to recognize a young and bright Mississippian such



68 as Mr. Jackson, whose achievements not only bring great honor to
69 the USM community but to this great state as a whole:

70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
71 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
72 congratulate Mr. Wilton Charles Jackson, II, upon his
73 participation in one of the nation's premier journalism
74 opportunities as a *USA Today* Collegiate Correspondent, and wish
75 him continued success in all of his future endeavors.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
77 furnished to Mr. Wilton Jackson, II, and to the members of the
78 Capitol Press Corps.

