

By: Senator(s) Tollison,
Barnett, Dearing, Jackson (32nd),
Michel, Parker, Stone, Watson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING OLE MISS SOPHOMORE
2 STANDOUT BRADEN THORNBERRY FOR WINNING THE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST-EVER
3 2017 MEN'S NCAA INDIVIDUAL GOLF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

4 WHEREAS, on May 29, 2017, Ole Miss Sophomore standout Braden
5 Thornberry, an Olive Branch native, shot 71 (1-under) in the final
6 round to erase a two-stroke deficit and win the 2017 Men's NCAA
7 Individual Golf National Championship at Rich Harvest Farms in
8 Sugar Grove, Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, it is the first-ever individual or team Golf
10 National Championship for the Rebels. Thornberry shot 277
11 (66-71-69-71), which was 11-under and four strokes ahead; and

12 WHEREAS, "His life will change after this. This is going to
13 be a time of his life that he certainly will enjoy. To win a
14 National Title as an individual is huge," said the Golf Channel's
15 Billy Ray Brown, who won the 1982 Individual Championship while at
16 Houston. "He will be on notice and he will be on stage each and
17 every week as he goes on in his amateur career"; and



18 WHEREAS, Thornberry had won four tournaments prior to his
19 National Title win. But he entered the day two strokes behind.
20 Ole Miss, coached by Chris Malloy, finished tied for 22nd in a
21 30-team field and missed the cut by 17 strokes; and

22 WHEREAS, "It means a lot to be the Champion," Thornberry
23 said. "As far as the team, we knew we were going to have a
24 special year when we started off and we weren't surprised at all";
25 and

26 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
27 special achievement by a university athlete who has brought honor
28 to his university, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
30 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Ole Miss
31 Sophomore standout Braden Thornberry for winning the University's
32 first-ever 2017 Men's NCAA Individual Golf National Championship,
33 and extend to Braden and his family our best wishes for future
34 success at this level and in his professional career.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
36 Braden Thornberry and Coach Chris Malloy, forwarded to Chancellor
37 Jeffrey S. Vitter and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions
38 of Higher Learning, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

