

By: Representatives Holland, Aguirre,
Turner, Boyd

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 76

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. NOAH BARBIERI FOR HIS
2 EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND FOR BEING NAMED
3 BOTH A TRUMAN SCHOLAR AND A RHODES SCHOLAR.

4 WHEREAS, Noah Barbieri was named both a Truman Scholar and a
5 Rhodes Scholar, an incredible accomplishment for Mr. Barbieri and
6 a true testament to his tremendous dedication to academic
7 excellence; and

8 WHEREAS, originally from Belden, Mississippi, Mr. Barbieri
9 attended Tupelo Christian Preparatory School, and after graduation
10 he moved to Jackson to attend Millsaps College, where he is
11 currently a senior majoring in economics and philosophy with a
12 minor in mathematics, and he has an outstanding 4.0 GPA and is
13 ranked number 1 in his class of 165 students; and

14 WHEREAS, the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation was
15 created by the United States Congress in 1975 with the mission of
16 selecting and supporting the next generation of public service
17 leaders, and candidates for this prestigious scholarship endure a
18 rigorous, multi-stage selection process, and in 2017 there were



19 768 candidates for the award who were nominated by 315 colleges
20 and universities, and 199 finalists were interviewed at one of the
21 16 regional selection panels; and

22 WHEREAS, with his tremendous dedication to public service and
23 his exceptional drive for academic excellence, Mr. Barbieri is
24 only the second student in Millsaps College history to receive the
25 Truman Scholarship, and in addition to receiving the scholarship,
26 the foundation honored Mr. Barbieri for his work as a classroom
27 assistant at Brown Elementary School and for his research on
28 inequality; and

29 WHEREAS, in addition to being named a Truman Scholar, Mr.
30 Barbieri is the second Millsaps student in the past three years
31 and the seventh student in the history of the college to be named
32 a Rhodes Scholar, which is considered one of the most prestigious
33 academic scholarships in the world; and

34 WHEREAS, the Rhodes Trust, an international charity
35 established in honor of British mining magnate and politician,
36 Cecil J. Rhodes, grants scholarships to approximately 95 students
37 worldwide, with 32 students from the United States and its
38 territories, and it provides full funding for graduate level
39 studies at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom; and

40 WHEREAS, Mr. Barbieri has made the most of his time at
41 Millsaps College, serving as the Presidential Ambassador in the
42 Admissions Office and as a tutor in the Math Department, and he
43 has held several leadership positions, serving as the Student Body



44 Senator, Student Body Treasurer and Student Body Parliamentarian,
45 and he is currently serving as the Student Body President, and was
46 selected as Student Body Leader of the Year; and

47 WHEREAS, during his exceptional undergraduate career, Mr.
48 Barbieri completed honors projects in both economics and
49 philosophy, and he has held various positions in several academic
50 honorary societies, such as president of the Omicron Delta Epsilon
51 economics honorary; former president of the Phi Eta Sigma freshman
52 honorary; and past treasurer of the Sigma Lambda service honorary,
53 and he is a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary;
54 the Eta Sigma Phi classics honorary; and the Pi Mu Epsilon
55 mathematics honorary; and

56 WHEREAS, in addition to his tremendous involvement on campus,
57 Mr. Barbieri has a passion for helping those who need it most, and
58 one of his most meaningful experiences was his time at Brown
59 Elementary School as a classroom assistant during his freshman
60 year of college, where he tutored students in reading and in math,
61 and it was there that he began to realize numerous problems that
62 the state is facing each day, and how, because of those problems,
63 many people suffer in different ways across the state, and it was
64 then that he decided to use his unique skills to make a difference
65 in Mississippi; and

66 WHEREAS, Mr. Barbieri is scheduled to graduate from Millsaps
67 College in May 2018 and he plans to use his extraordinary
68 scholarships to pursue a master's degree in economics at the



69 University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, after which he intends
70 to pursue a doctorate degree in economics from the Massachusetts
71 Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts; and

72 WHEREAS, with his passion for helping Mississippi become the
73 best it can be for all of its citizens, Mr. Barbieri intends to
74 use his knowledge and skills to run for political office, and he
75 further intends to help formulate practical, holistic solutions to
76 issues that the state faces each day; and

77 WHEREAS, Mr. Barbieri possesses the unique qualities that
78 both President Truman and Cecil J. Rhodes envisioned for the
79 recipients of their respective scholarships, and he will join the
80 ranks of prominent individuals who are both a Rhodes Scholar and a
81 Truman Scholar, such as Susan E. Rice, the 24th National Security
82 Advisor, United States Ambassador to the United Nations and former
83 Assistant Secretary of State, and George Stephanopoulos, a former
84 political advisor to President Bill Clinton and an ABC News
85 anchor; and

86 WHEREAS, the President of Millsaps College, Dr. Robert W.
87 Pearigen, stated that Mr. Barbieri embodies the best of a liberal
88 arts education, and by extension, the virtues for which Rhodes
89 Scholars are known, and he has employed each of his three
90 undergraduate majors, which span the three divisions of Millsaps
91 College, to better understand and address practical challenges
92 facing his native state of Mississippi; and



93 WHEREAS, Kenneth Townsend, the executive director of the
94 Millsaps Institute for Civic and Professional Engagement, stated
95 that Mr. Barbieri's persistence in the pursuit of excellence is
96 truly extraordinary, and part of the reason he has excelled in
97 every facet of his life is that he simply works harder than just
98 about any undergraduate that Mr. Townsend has ever encountered;
99 and

100 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
101 outstanding Mississippians, especially those such as Noah
102 Barbieri, whose exceptional dedication to academic excellence and
103 whose devotion to the betterment of the Magnolia State and its
104 citizens bring honor to his school, his community and to the State
105 of Mississippi:

106 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
107 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
108 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mr. Noah Barbieri for his
109 exceptional dedication to academic excellence and for being named
110 both a Truman Scholar and a Rhodes Scholar, and extend to him
111 sincere wishes for his continued success in his future endeavors.

112 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
113 furnished to Noah Barbieri and to the members of the Capitol Press
114 Corps.

