

By: Representative Bain

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MS. OLIVIA KNIGHT FOR
2 BEING CROWNED AS MISS JR. TEEN MISSISSIPPI 2017 AND FOR HER
3 TREMENDOUS DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Olivia Knight of Corinth, Mississippi, a
5 sixteen-year-old sophomore at Corinth High School, was recently
6 crowned as Miss Jr. Teen Mississippi 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, after competing in the pageant and winning the
8 fitness division, Olivia finished as runner-up to Ms. Alanha
9 Dukes, who went on to win the national title of Miss Jr. Teen
10 United States, which caused the title of Miss Jr. Teen Mississippi
11 to pass to Olivia; and

12 WHEREAS, devoted to serving her community, Olivia has amassed
13 over 350 hours in community service, and the time she has invested
14 serving her community and promoting causes that she believes in is
15 truly remarkable, and the issue that is the closest to her heart
16 is the widespread bullying crisis that Mississippi currently is
17 facing among young people; and



18 WHEREAS, Olivia chose the platform of "S.T.O.P. Bullying" to
19 bring awareness to this crisis in Mississippi, because throughout
20 kindergarten, first and second grade, she had a first-hand
21 experience with both physical and verbal bullying, and she has
22 promoted her platform by speaking to over 370 elementary and
23 middle school children across the state, speaking at the Family
24 Research Council Bullying Awareness Kickoff and being interviewed
25 for television about her experience with bullying; and

26 WHEREAS, tragically, this widespread bullying crisis has been
27 linked to Mississippi's suicide rate being the second leading
28 cause of death of young people between the ages of 10 and 24, and
29 it is Olivia's goal to have legislation passed in Mississippi that
30 contains consequences for the bully if the victim self-harms or
31 commits suicide as a result of consistent or severe acts of
32 bullying; and

33 WHEREAS, in addition to her focus on bullying awareness,
34 Olivia has partnered with the ladies of the Junior Auxiliary of
35 Corinth to create the Corinth Crown Club, a service organization
36 for high school girls in Alcorn County which currently has 14
37 charter members, with each high school in the area being
38 represented, and this spring she will complete her Girl Scout Gold
39 Award, the highest award that may be earned in the Girl Scouts;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, Olivia is also a youth board member for the Tobacco
42 Free Coalition for Alcorn and Tippah Counties and has helped with



43 several community service events for the coalition, and she also
44 serves on the Mayor's Youth Council, and in addition to her
45 community service, Olivia is dedicated to excelling in her
46 education, with a GPA of 100.35; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
48 recognize and honor great Mississippians such as Ms. Olivia
49 Knight, a young woman who exudes poise, class and a tender heart,
50 and who serves as an asset and wonderful role model to young
51 people throughout the great Magnolia State and the nation:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
54 recognize and honor Ms. Olivia Knight for being crowned as Miss
55 Jr. Teen Mississippi 2017 and for her tremendous dedication to
56 community service, and express deepest wishes for continued
57 success in all of her future endeavors.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
59 furnished to Ms. Olivia Knight and to the members of the Capitol
60 Press Corps.

