

By: Representative McGee

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 20, 2018, AS UNDERGRADUATE
2 RESEARCH DAY IN MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, Mississippi's eight public universities and colleges
4 will host the third annual Posters in the Rotunda on Tuesday,
5 March 20, 2018, featuring the research and scholarly and creative
6 works of exceptional undergraduate students from across the state;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, outstanding students from across the state have
9 dedicated their time and have worked tremendously hard on their
10 research projects for Posters in the Rotunda, and these students
11 demonstrate the positive impact that higher education
12 appropriation brings to our state, and supporting students who
13 participate in Posters in the Rotunda is an excellent way for
14 Mississippi to invest in its future; and

15 WHEREAS, students who are engaged in undergraduate research
16 contribute to the application of knowledge across many
17 disciplines, including arts and humanities, social sciences and
18 STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields,



19 and the research projects that are chosen to be presented during
20 Posters in the Rotunda are those that contribute to fields that
21 make significant contributions to the state, such as health care,
22 agriculture and heritage studies; and

23 WHEREAS, the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) noted that
24 Mississippi's public universities "provide high quality education,
25 research and innovation that support economic growth and
26 opportunities that benefit all Mississippians in a very
27 competitive environment," and by completing these research
28 projects, the students are provided with opportunities to take
29 part in faculty mentored research and scholarly activities,
30 gaining the knowledge and experience needed to live and work in
31 Mississippi; and

32 WHEREAS, undergraduate research is critical in developing
33 solutions to the needs of Mississippi's future workforce because
34 it cultivates the students' goals and aspirations and it
35 encourages students to specialize in the biomedical and STEM
36 fields after graduation; and

37 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate for the State of Mississippi
38 to designate a day to show support for exceptional Mississippi
39 undergraduate students who are devoted to academic excellence and
40 who have dedicated a tremendous amount of time to research that
41 will positively impact the State of Mississippi for years to come:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby



44 designate March 20, 2018, as Undergraduate Research Day in
45 Mississippi.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
47 furnished to the presidents of each public university or college
48 in Mississippi and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

