

By: Representatives Anthony, Rosebud

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING GENTRY  
2 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND JOBS FOR MISSISSIPPI GRADUATES'  
3 PARTICIPANTS, A'MYAH ROBINSON, SYLVESTER WASHINGTON, JR., COLEE M.  
4 ANTHONY AND T'ROSSI PERNELL, AND JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC  
5 & PERFORMING ARTS COMPLEX (APAC) PROGRAM'S, ZACCHAEUS WALLACE,  
6 UPON THEIR SUCCESS AT THE JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES NATIONAL  
7 STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY.

8 WHEREAS, Jobs for Mississippi Graduates' student achievers  
9 traveled to Washington, D.C., in December 2019, to participate in  
10 the Jobs for America's Graduates 2019 National Student Leadership  
11 Academy competition for national titles in the four academic areas  
12 of public speaking, employability skills, math skills and  
13 project-based learning; and

14 WHEREAS, Mississippi reigned supreme out of 32 states  
15 represented, accumulating four student title place finishes, more  
16 than any other state in competition, after each having  
17 successfully competed in Spring statewide competitions, yielding  
18 way to the national competition; and

19 WHEREAS, four Gentry High School students, A'Myah Robinson,  
20 Sylvester Washington, Jr., Colee M. Anthony and T'Rossi Pernell,



21 were among the group of 35 Mississippi scholars to attend the  
22 conference, and in so doing were exceptional academic ambassadors  
23 representing the outstanding jobs being done throughout the  
24 state's educational system to prepare our students for college and  
25 career readiness; and

26 WHEREAS, of the four Gentry High School students, juniors  
27 A'Myah Robinson and Sylvester Washington, Jr., both took home the  
28 1st Place awards for Project Based Learning, while T'Rossi Pernell  
29 accepted the Second Place award for Public Speaking, reaffirming  
30 the decision Dr. Adrian Brown, Gentry High School's Job  
31 Specialist, to invest 20-plus years in education, planning,  
32 community and economic development to groom young leaders in the  
33 college prep and career tech avenues; and

34 WHEREAS, Zacchaeus Wallace, a senior at Jackson Public School  
35 District Academic & Performing Arts Complex (APAC) Program  
36 student, captured Mississippi's fourth award, placing 2nd in math;  
37 and

38 WHEREAS, Mississippi students' academic success was truly  
39 demonstrated on the national stage, further assisting the state on  
40 its ascension to the pinnacle of educational excellence with four  
41 out of five wins in the nation, which further illustrates the  
42 significant impact Jobs for Mississippi Graduates has on students;  
43 and

44 WHEREAS, the students not only attended the competitions, but  
45 also participated in leadership training sessions and several



46 tours, which included the National Mall, the Nation's Capitol,  
47 Smithsonian Museums, Pentagon Mall and Arlington National  
48 Cemetery, an opportunity that afforded students with the academic  
49 and cultural experiences of a lifetime; and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
51 the academic accomplishment of its most valuable resource, its  
52 students, who have demonstrated immense aptitude and academic  
53 achievement on the state and national levels of competition:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
56 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Gentry High  
57 School students and Jobs for Mississippi Graduates' participants,  
58 A'Myah Robinson, Sylvester Washington, Jr., Colee M. Anthony and  
59 T'Rossi Pernell, and Jackson School District Academic & Performing  
60 Arts Complex (APAC) Program's Zacchaeus Wallace, upon their  
61 success at the Jobs For America's Graduate National Student  
62 Leadership Academy, and extend best wishes for continued success  
63 in all their future academic endeavors.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
65 furnished to A'Myah Robinson, Sylvester Washington, Jr., Colee M.  
66 Anthony, T'Rossi Pernell, Zacchaeus Wallace, the executive  
67 director of Jobs for Mississippi Graduates and to the members of  
68 the Capitol Press Corps.

