

By: Representative Haney

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 141

1 A RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND  
2 LEGACY OF MR. CHRISTOPHER THOMAS BRUNI.

3 WHEREAS, it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "To  
4 everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under  
5 the Heaven," and as such, the immaculate author and finisher of  
6 our soul's destiny summoned the mortal presence of dearly beloved,  
7 Mr. Christopher Thomas Bruni, to eternal rest, rendering great  
8 sorrow and loss to his family, friends and community; and

9 WHEREAS, the loving son of Jeff and Angela Bruni, Christopher  
10 Thomas Bruni unexpectedly passed away at the young age of 22 on  
11 July 31, 2022, and there is now a hush in our hearts as we come  
12 together to pay our respects to the memory of those who have been  
13 called to join that innumerable heavenly caravan; and

14 WHEREAS, born on June 19, 2000, Christopher attended Bayou  
15 View Elementary and Middle Schools and graduated from Gulfport  
16 High School in 2018 with a 3.9 GPA and class rank of 5th out of  
17 375, and while at Gulfport High School (GHS), he served as student  
18 body president, president of the Interact and Spanish Clubs, vice



19 president of the National Honor Society and Key Club, and he was a  
20 4-year letterman on the GHS varsity men's soccer team; and

21 WHEREAS, Christopher was very passionate about soccer, and  
22 during his senior year, he was selected as co-team Captain, and  
23 went on to win the Mississippi High School Activities Association  
24 (MHSAA) State Championship, was voted Most Valuable Player and  
25 received the Ray Bishop Award for the highest GPA, and he was also  
26 selected to the State Association of Coaches Varsity Boys All-Star  
27 South Team and the Region 6A Varsity Team; and

28 WHEREAS, he began playing organized soccer, truly his  
29 favorite sport, at the age of four with the Roadrunners rec team  
30 and played on numerous select soccer teams with the South  
31 Mississippi Soccer Club through his freshman year in college,  
32 during which time his select teams won five state championships,  
33 and he developed many valuable friendships across the state and  
34 the southeast through this sport, including through his five-time  
35 selection to the Mississippi Olympic Development team for his age  
36 group; and

37 WHEREAS, in addition to excelling on the soccer pitch,  
38 Christopher was also an Eagle Scout, an accomplishment of which he  
39 was extremely proud, and he received many prestigious honors and  
40 awards, including being named a state finalist for the Wendy's  
41 High School Heisman, "Mr. Interact - Best Overall Male" and  
42 Exchange Club Student of the Year for the State of Mississippi in



his senior year and was awarded the Samsung Scholarship Award for Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Christopher was inducted into the Gulfport High School Hall of Fame, served on the City of Gulfport Mayor's Youth Council, and was selected to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), where he later was chosen to serve as a counselor from 2018 through 2022; and

WHEREAS, Christopher went on to attend Millsaps College on an academic scholarship, where he majored in biochemistry and not only graduated summa cum laude with honors in May 2022, but also graduated having a perfect all-A academic career through high school and college and having passed his final comprehensive examination in biochemistry "with excellence," and his honors thesis (Synthesis of an Allosteric HIV Integrase Inhibitors based on a Pyridine Pharmacophore) was presented during his senior year and was eventually published; and

WHEREAS, while in college, Christopher continued to pursue his soccer dreams in addition to his academic ones, as he was a four-year starter on the Varsity Men's Soccer Team, and he was also a two-year Senator in the Student Body Association, a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, President of the Millsaps College Republicans and a member of the Millsaps Rotaract Club; and

WHEREAS, Christopher also received numerous awards in college, including the Joseph B. Price General Chemistry Award for



68 the highest GPA in chemistry, the Charles A. Preuss Pre-Medical  
69 Scholarship (SAE National Foundation), the Physics Service Award  
70 and the Chemistry Research Award, and he was a member of the  
71 Omicron Delta Kappa, Sigma Lambda, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and Beta  
72 Beta Beta honoraries, and was one of a few from Millsaps College  
73 tapped into the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the oldest and most  
74 prestigious academic honorary in the country, and he had been  
75 selected into the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program  
76 as he had been accepted into medical school at the University of  
77 Mississippi Medical Center, with his medical school career set to  
78 commence August 2022; and

79 WHEREAS, Christopher and his family are life-long members of  
80 St. James Catholic Church in Gulfport, Mississippi, and in his  
81 spare time, he enjoyed playing the piano, the violin, and the  
82 guitar as well as running, playing soccer and tennis, and being  
83 with his family and cats; and

84 WHEREAS, for 22 years, the State of Mississippi, the City of  
85 Gulfport and thousands of others were touched by Christopher's  
86 generous heart, broad smile and kind spirit, and he will be fondly  
87 remembered by all those who had the opportunity to know him and  
88 experience his greatness; and

89 WHEREAS, Christopher is survived by his parents; sister, Dr.  
90 Catie Lee Bruni; his older brother, Jeff Bruni, Jr.; paternal  
91 grandparents, Dr. Ron and Lee Bruni; maternal grandmother,  
92 Charlene Dudley; aunts and uncles, Dr. Tim and Tracie Bruni and



93 their children, Colton, Cooper, Lexi and Cohen; Damian and  
94 Jennifer Bruni and their children, Xavier and Blaise; Chrissy  
95 Bruni Lane and her husband, Charlie and their children, Charlie,  
96 Jr. and Ezra; Rodney and Ellen Dudley and their children, Ross,  
97 Chase and Tye and their families; Ron and Dr. Sue Dudley  
98 Cunningham and their children, Dr. Bryant Walker and Alana Walker  
99 and their families; Dr. Dava Sue Cleveland; and Anna Marie Lenz  
100 and her children; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

101 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
102 honor and commend the lives of genuine and selfless individuals,  
103 especially those such as Mr. Christopher Thomas Bruni, whose  
104 light, though prematurely extinguished like a candle in the wind,  
105 illuminated the path of hope, faith and righteousness for all he  
106 encountered along his brief earthly sojourn:

107 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
108 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
109 mourn the loss and commemorate the life and legacy of Mr.  
110 Christopher Thomas Bruni and express deepest sympathy to his  
111 family and friends upon his passing.

112 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
113 furnished to the family of Christopher Thomas Bruni and to the  
114 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

