

By: Representative McLean

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 179

1 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE TOMBIGBEE CHAPTER
 2 OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
 3 REVOLUTION, AND CONGRATULATING SETH AND LEVI BURNETT OF MONROE
 4 COUNTY FOR THEIR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND HISTORICAL
 5 SCHOLARSHIP MADE EVIDENT IN THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND
 6 SUCCESSES.

7 WHEREAS, the National Society of the Daughters of the America
 8 Revolution, (DAR), is a national patriotic service organization
 9 that includes, as one of its many civic projects, an annual
 10 historical essay competition for students in Grades 5 through 12;
 11 and

12 WHEREAS, beginning at the local DAR Chapter level, the
 13 competition of uniform essay topics, which are novel, motivating
 14 and uniquely thought provoking, then moves upward with winners
 15 advancing through competitions at the state and regional divisions
 16 before finally culminating at the national level in Washington,
 17 D.C.; and

18 WHEREAS, a family in Monroe County has provided participants
 19 in these competitions over several years at two generational
 20 levels; and



21 WHEREAS, Seth Burnett, now an 8th Grader at the Hamilton
22 Attendance Center, has demonstrated consistent writing skills for
23 the past three years, beginning with his participation as a 6th
24 Grader in 2021, winning both the local chapter award and the State
25 of Mississippi award; as a 7th Grader in 2022, again winning the
26 local chapter award and placing third in the state competition;
27 and during the 2023 year of competition, Seth won his third local
28 chapter competition award; and

29 WHEREAS, in 2023, his first year of being eligible to
30 participate in this competition, Seth's younger brother, Levi,
31 currently in the 5th Grade at the Hamilton Attendance Center,
32 showcasing his exceptional talent, won both the local chapter
33 award and the State of Mississippi award to proceed to the 2023
34 regional competition; and

35 WHEREAS, giving undeniable validation of the adage, "an apple
36 doesn't fall far from the tree," Seth and Levi's father, Micah
37 Burnett, now a teacher and coach in the Aberdeen School District,
38 was a DAR essay competition winner when he was a young student;
39 and

40 WHEREAS, demonstrating their academic versatility, Seth and
41 Levi are consistent members of their school's honor roll, and have
42 been recognized as top readers in the Hamilton Public Library's
43 summer reading programs; and



44 WHEREAS, as a 5th Grader, in 2020, Seth won the Monroe County
45 Spelling Bee and advanced to the Mississippi Spelling Bee, which
46 was aired on Mississippi Public Broadcasting; and

47 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
48 recognize and commend excellence, especially when demonstrated in
49 the successful academic prowess of our state's youth:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
51 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
52 express our appreciation to the Tombigbee Chapter of the National
53 Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for sponsoring
54 educational opportunities such as the American History Essay
55 Competition, congratulates Seth and Levi Burnett for their
56 outstanding achievements and successes through their participation
57 in these annual competitions, and extend best wishes to all for
58 continued success in all their future endeavors.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
60 furnished to the Tombigbee Chapter of the National Society of the
61 Daughters of the American Revolution, Seth Burnett, Levi Burnett
62 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

