

By: Senator(s) Boyd, Barnett, Butler (38th)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 96

1 A RESOLUTION OFFERING THE SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI SENATE TO OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WINNIE WILSON IN
3 RECOGNITION OF BEING NAMED "MISSISSIPPI'S 2023 HIGH SCHOOL
4 JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR".

5 WHEREAS, Winnie Wilson, Oxford High School Senior and Student
6 Body President, was recently named "Mississippi's 2023 High School
7 Journalist of the Year"; and

8 WHEREAS, as the current Editor-in-Chief of *The Charger*,
9 Oxford High's student newspaper, Winnie has had many roles
10 throughout her four years as a Journalism student, including Staff
11 Writer, Associate Editor, and Entertainment Editor, and has won
12 numerous other awards in design, writing, and photojournalism; and

13 WHEREAS, "Winnie has been an exceptional leader, and one of
14 the top students I have ever encountered in my career," said *The*
15 *Charger* adviser and OHS Journalism teacher Diala Chaney. "I am so
16 proud of her and all the hard work she has put in as a student
17 journalist for the past four years"; and

18 WHEREAS, Winnie Wilson will move on to compete against
19 student journalists across the nation in the Journalism Education



20 Association's High School "Journalist of the Year" competition,
21 where up to \$3,000.00 in scholarship money will be awarded. As
22 Mississippi's top scholastic journalist, she will also headline a
23 select group of All-Mississippi honorees at Mississippi Scholastic
24 Press Association's statewide spring convention at the University
25 of Mississippi; and

26 WHEREAS, "I am overwhelmed with gratitude to have been
27 selected as the 'Mississippi Journalist of the Year' and for my
28 adviser, Diala Chaney, who has encouraged me to push myself in
29 pursuit of big stories and has always been available and excited
30 to help with any endeavor at any time of the day," Wilson shared.
31 "Journalism has taught me how to write stories that an audience
32 wants to read. My experiences sharpened my leadership ability as
33 I learned how to meet deadlines and guide a newsroom towards a
34 collective product"; and

35 WHEREAS, Winnie will attend the University of Virginia this
36 Fall, majoring in Political Philosophy, Policy & Law, and minoring
37 in Journalism. She also plans to attend law school and hopes to
38 become a political journalist; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we commend an
40 outstanding Mississippi student who has brought honor to her
41 school, her community and to the State of Mississippi:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby offer the sincerest congratulations
44 of the Mississippi Senate to Oxford High School Senior Winnie



45 Wilson in recognition of being named "Mississippi's 2023 High
46 School Journalist of the Year," and extend to Winnie, her family
47 and her faculty advisors our best wishes for future success.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
49 Winnie Wilson, forwarded to Oxford High School faculty Diala
50 Chaney and Principal Dr. Dana Bullard and the Oxford School Board
51 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

