

By: Senator(s) Boyd, Barnett, Suber, Thomas To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 69

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SHELBY MCEWEN FROM
2 ABBEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING TRACK-AND-FIELD CAREER
3 AND FOR TYING FOR THE GOLD MEDAL IN AN EPIC HIGH JUMP FINAL IN THE
4 2024 SUMMER OLYMPICS.

5 WHEREAS, during the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, Shelby
6 McEwen, a native of Abbeville, Mississippi, jumped a 2.36 meter
7 high jump and was tied for the lead with New Zealand's Hamish
8 Kerr. Both men were offered the option to share the gold medal.
9 Kerr wanted to proceed to a jump-off, and McEwen agreed. McEwen
10 lost to Kerr and won the silver medal in the epic high jump final;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, from 2015 to 2017, Shelby McEwen attended Northwest
13 Mississippi Community College. He was a member of the basketball
14 team and competed unattached in track and field. He then started
15 competing for the Alabama Crimson Tide, and participated in the
16 indoor and outdoor track seasons in 2018 and 2019; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2019, he jumped a 2.31 meter high jump indoor and
18 then a 2.30 meter high jump outdoor, as second at 2019 USA Track &



19 Field Outdoor Championships in Doha, Qatar, where he was the first
20 nonqualifier for the final; and

21 WHEREAS, on May 22, 2021, he jumped a 2.33 meter high jump at
22 Roy P. Drachman Stadium in Tucson, Arizona, the qualifying
23 standard for the 2020 Olympic Summer Games, before finishing third
24 with a 2.30 meter high jump at the 2020 U.S. Olympic Trials. He
25 finished twelfth at the 2020 Summer Olympics with a jump of 2.27
26 meters; and

27 WHEREAS, Shelby claimed the silver medal in the famous 2024
28 Summer Olympic final and represented the United States in the
29 World Indoor Championship in Glasgow, Scotland. It is with great
30 pride that we recognize this track and field star who has brought
31 honor to his family, his community and to the State of
32 Mississippi:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
34 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Shelby
35 McEwen from Abbeville, Mississippi, for his outstanding track and
36 field career and for tying for the gold medal in an epic high jump
37 final in the 2024 Summer Olympics and extend to Shelby and his
38 family our best wishes for future success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
40 Shelby McEwen and his family and be made available to the Capitol
41 Press Corps.

