

By: Representatives Brown,  
Jennings

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR.  
2 JASON DEAN, EDUCATION POLICY ADVISOR TO GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR, ON  
3 HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE 2006-2007 CLASS OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS.

4 WHEREAS, the White House announced on June 16, 2006, the  
5 appointment by President George W. Bush of 14 individuals from  
6 across the country to serve as White House Fellows, which included  
7 the appointment of Dr. Jason Scott Dean, 32, Education Policy  
8 Advisor to Governor Haley Barbour; and

9 WHEREAS, as members of the 2006-2007 Class of White House  
10 Fellows, Dr. Dean and the other Fellows represent a diverse  
11 cross-section of professions including medicine, law, finance,  
12 education, state government and three branches of the military;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the White House Fellows Program, founded in 1964 by  
15 President Lyndon B. Johnson, offers exceptional young people, such  
16 as Dr. Dean, first-hand experience working at the highest levels  
17 of the federal government; and

18 WHEREAS, the White House Fellows Program is one of the  
19 nation's most prestigious programs for leadership and public  
20 service and selection is highly competitive and is based on a  
21 record of remarkable professional achievement, evidence of  
22 leadership skills, a strong commitment to public service, and the  
23 knowledge and skills necessary to contribute successfully at the  
24 highest levels of the federal government; and

25 WHEREAS, White House Fellows typically spend one year  
26 working as full-time, paid special assistants to Senior White

27 House Staff, Cabinet Secretaries, and other top-ranking government  
28 officials; and

29 WHEREAS, Fellows also participate in an education program  
30 consisting of roundtable discussions with leaders from the private  
31 and public sectors, and trips to study United States policy in  
32 action both domestically and abroad and after the fellowship year,  
33 many Fellows repay the privilege by contributing to the nation as  
34 better leaders and public servants; and

35 WHEREAS, Dr. Dean has served as Education Policy Advisor to  
36 Governor Haley Barbour since 2004, where his responsibilities  
37 include budgetary and policy matters relating to public education;  
38 and

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Dean has successfully worked with the state's  
40 educational stakeholders and the Legislature to pass the  
41 Governor's education agenda which included such vital issues as  
42 high school redesign, reducing the state's dropout rate, and  
43 addressing the critical shortage of teachers; and

44 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Dean  
45 tirelessly worked with FEMA, state, and faith-based groups to  
46 coordinate a warehouse and shipping system, and his network of  
47 volunteers quickly placed in-kind national and international  
48 donations into critically affected areas; and

49 WHEREAS, Dr. Dean's post-storm duties also included  
50 diligently working with and assisting schools and facilities in  
51 their recovery; and

52 WHEREAS, Dr. Dean, knowing the importance of community  
53 service, has served as Chairman for the United Way of Ole Miss, as  
54 a board member for GEAR-UP, on the Public Education Forum, and on  
55 the Mayor's Commission on Public Safety, Big Brothers and other  
56 community service interests; and

57 WHEREAS, before joining the Governor's staff, Dr. Dean worked  
58 as Assistant Dean of Students and Assistant Professor at the

59 University of Mississippi where he made valuable contributions;  
60 and

61 WHEREAS, Dr. Dean, a staunch believer in education, received  
62 a bachelor of arts degree in international studies from the  
63 University of Southern Mississippi and his master of arts and  
64 Ph.D. in education from the University of Mississippi; and

65 WHEREAS, Dr. Dean has been lovingly supported in all his  
66 endeavors by his lovely wife, Courtney, and their delightful  
67 child, Mary Bogan; and

68 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
69 outstanding Mississippians such as Dr. Dean, who has been an  
70 effective advocate for various education initiatives in the  
71 Legislature on behalf of Governor Barbour, and whose presence will  
72 be missed as he embarks on a prestigious new assignment in public  
73 service which brings great recognition to the State of  
74 Mississippi:

75 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
76 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
77 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Jason  
78 Scott Dean, Education Policy Advisor to Governor Haley Barbour, on  
79 his recent appointment to the 2006-2007 Class of the White House  
80 Fellows by President George W. Bush, and extend to him and his  
81 family the best wishes of the Legislature as he represents our  
82 state in this prestigious program of public service.

83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
84 furnished to Dr. Jason S. Dean, Governor Haley Barbour and members  
85 of the Capitol Press Corps.