

HOUSE RESOLUTION 168

By Kernell

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Shannon Anne Hayes for her many accomplishments at the University of Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves both in the classroom and in society at large; and

WHEREAS, one such exceptional student is Shannon Anne Hayes, who has completed four years of study at the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hayes will graduate summa cum laude with University honors on May 9, 2009, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Foreign Languages and International Studies; and

WHEREAS, having taken full advantage of the University's Study Abroad program, she has travelled to Germany, Ireland, and Peru and has learned to speak German, Spanish, and Portuguese; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Hayes brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly, where she served as an intern for the House Transportation Committee and is fondly remembered by the legislators with whom she worked; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2008, Ms. Hayes was one of five finalists for the title of "Ms. University of Memphis"; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Hayes participated in the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL) for three years and served as Speaker of the TISL House of Representatives in the fall of 2008; and

WHEREAS, she spent the winter and spring of 2009 in Washington, D.C., as an intern in the European Exchange Program of the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Shannon Hayes was recently selected by the political science department at the University of Memphis to receive the prestigious John W. Burgess Award for outstanding achievement in the field of political science; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hayes is a credit to the University of Memphis and the State of Tennessee, and her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor Shannon Anne Hayes for her many accomplishments in her first twenty-two years of life and extend to her our best wishes for the future in whatever endeavors she decides to pursue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.