

2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

COMMENDATIONS. Commends David Holmes on his academic achievements and impeccable leadership.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend David Holmes on his academic achievements and impeccable leadership.

3 WHEREAS, David Holmes is an outstanding young leader and student from Baton  
4 Rouge, Louisiana, who graduated from Vanderbilt University on May 8, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Vanderbilt University is located in Nashville, Tennessee, is considered  
6 one of the top sixteen universities in the United States, and admits only thirteen percent of  
7 its applicants; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes graduated high school with a 4.01 grade point average and  
9 a score of thirty-four on the American College Testing (ACT) assessment; and

10 WHEREAS, he chose to attend Vanderbilt University because it beckoned as an  
11 institution that encouraged excellence and he wished to continue to excel in every aspect of  
12 his life; and

13 WHEREAS, during his career at Vanderbilt University, Mr. Holmes utilized his  
14 knowledge, expertise, and abilities to serve as a student leader; and

15 WHEREAS, for three years, he was a VUceptor, which is a peer mentor who works  
16 with a faculty partner to assist first-year students adjust to campus life and find their place  
17 in the campus community; and

1           WHEREAS, in his senior year Mr. Holmes was awarded the Walther Award for  
2           VUcept Excellence in recognition of the hard work, dedication, and influence he exhibited  
3           as an undergraduate peer mentor; and

4           WHEREAS, he served in the Student Government Association, first as a freshman  
5           floor representative to the House Council and then as an inaugural member of the Traditions  
6           Task Force, a group dedicated to rediscovering and revitalizing the student-led traditions of  
7           the university; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes went through a three round selection process to become a  
9           tour guide and also worked within the Office of Undergraduate Admissions helping to secure  
10          the best applicants for incoming classes; and

11          WHEREAS, he also became involved in Alternative Spring Break, an organization  
12          that sends students to sites around the country during spring break to perform acts of service  
13          for local parties in need, and as a senior he became a site leader and led a group of students  
14          in working on an animal rescue farm; and

15          WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes worked as a resident adviser helping to create a healthy and  
16          safe living environment for students and was a research assistant in the Political Science  
17          department assisting on a project examining the impact of formal diplomatic relations in  
18          international conduct; and

19          WHEREAS, he excelled in academics and graduated on the Dean's List with a degree  
20          in Political Science and a minor in Economics; and

21          WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes achieved a Law School Admissions Test score of one  
22          hundred sixty-six, placing him in the ninety-third percentile, and has been admitted to the  
23          University of Texas at Austin School of Law; and

24          WHEREAS, he was awarded a Chancellor's Scholarship to cover tuition and fees and  
25          upon graduation from law school, his goal is to work in international law working to bridge  
26          the gap between different cultures and legal systems in an increasingly global world; and

27          WHEREAS, David Holmes is a talented young man who demonstrates impeccable  
28          leadership and a commitment to excellence that is truly commendable; and

29          WHEREAS, he merits the highest commendation and most sincere congratulations  
30          upon his graduation from Vanderbilt University and his acceptance to the University of

