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# S. RES. 477

Commending the University of Mississippi for 175 years of service to the State of Mississippi and the United States.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Commending the University of Mississippi for 175 years of service to the State of Mississippi and the United States.

Whereas the University of Mississippi began its first session on November 6, 1848, with a 4-member faculty offering a liberal arts curriculum to 80 students;

Whereas the University of Mississippi established one of the first State-supported law schools in the United States in 1854, and it was the first university in Mississippi to establish a school of engineering in 1900;

Whereas, in 1882, the University of Mississippi became one of the first universities in the South to admit women and, in 1885, was the first university in Mississippi to hire a female faculty member;

Whereas, in 1903, the University of Mississippi began providing medical education on the Oxford campus;

Whereas the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi—

(1) was established by the Mississippi Legislature in 1950;

(2) became the first and only academic medical center in Mississippi when it opened in 1955; and

(3) was the site of the first lung and heart transplants into a human in the world, in 1963 and 1964, respectively;

Whereas, in 1962, the University of Mississippi broke a racial barrier by admitting its first African-American student, James Meredith, who remains a source of inspiration today;

Whereas, from its first class of 80 students, the University of Mississippi has grown to host more than 23,000 students participating in 120 programs of study across 7 campuses, including a medical center;

Whereas thousands of students of all races, creeds, backgrounds, and beliefs receive world-class education at the University of Mississippi;

Whereas the University of Mississippi advances academic excellence through the activity of the faculty and staff in departments and more than 75 academic, research, and community service centers;

Whereas, in 2016, the University of Mississippi received a classification of “R1: Doctoral Universities – Very High Research Activity” in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, an honor bestowed on the top doctoral research universities in the United States;

Whereas the University of Mississippi has produced 55 Fulbright Scholars, 27 Rhodes Scholars, 44 Boren Scholars, 18 Truman Scholars, 24 Goldwater Scholars, 8 Portz Scholars, and 11 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellows;

Whereas the University of Mississippi has played a significant role in producing future public service leaders;

Whereas, in 2008, the University of Mississippi hosted the first presidential debate between Senators John McCain and Barack Obama, which was the first presidential debate held in Mississippi;

Whereas, for 14 years, the University of Mississippi has been recognized as a “Great College to Work For”, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education, in addition to earning honors in all 10 categories of recognition;

Whereas the University of Mississippi is dedicated to supporting the academic success of student-athletes while striving for on-field success;

Whereas the Ole Miss Rebels are composed of 18 men’s and women’s intercollegiate athletic varsity teams that represent the University of Mississippi;

Whereas the University of Mississippi, a charter member of the Southeastern Conference, claims 5 collegiate team national championships, and Ole Miss Rebel student-athletes have captured 25 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1 individual titles; and

Whereas the University of Mississippi has produced notable alumni in the fields of government, public policy, research, medicine, business, education, literature, the arts, journalism, athletics, and more: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) commends the University of Mississippi for  
2 its 175 years of service to the State of Mississippi  
3 and the United States;

4           (2) recognizes the University of Mississippi for  
5 its academic, research, cultural, and athletic excel-  
6 lence; and

7           (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of  
8 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-  
9 tion to—

10                   (A) the Chancellor of the University of  
11 Mississippi, Dr. Glenn F. Boyce;

12                   (B) the Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate  
13 Athletics of the University of Mississippi, Mr.  
14 Keith Carter; and

15                   (C) the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs  
16 of the University of Mississippi Medical Center,  
17 Dr. LouAnn Woodward.

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