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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 779

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Commending Lucas Brown.

Patrons—May; Senators: Herring and Vogel

WHEREAS, Lucas Brown of Leesburg, a senior at Oberlin College, was one of 32 American men and women selected to receive a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, the oldest international fellowship, the Rhodes Scholarship was created in 1902 and provides university and travel fees for approximately 80 students from around the world to study at the University of Oxford in England for two to three years; and

WHEREAS, the son of Brad and Kathy Brown, Lucas Brown is a graduate of Loudoun Country Day School and Thomas Jefferson High School; and

WHEREAS, a hard-working and dedicated student, Lucas Brown maintained a 4.0 grade point average in high school, received a National Merit scholarship, and was awarded a Morris K. Udall scholarship for environmental leadership; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Brown's major is in economics, and he plans to pursue a master's of philosophy in economics while at Oxford, concentrating in how environmental and business interests can work together; and

WHEREAS, creative and entrepreneurial, Lucas Brown founded the Student Experiment in Ecological Design House, which monitors its own real-time total carbon footprint, and the Oberlin Green Ecological Design and General Efficiency Fund, which loans money for student-designed campus energy conservation projects; and

WHEREAS, while at Oberlin, Lucas Brown was a member of a campus environmental policy group that organized a car-share program and advocated for Oberlin College to commit to a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver standard; and

WHEREAS, Lucas Brown has been active in the greater community, working in Washington, D.C., for Mayor Adrian Fenty, serving as lead programmer for iLoveMountains.org, and lobbying Congressional legislative directors to reduce mountaintop removal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Lucas Brown on receiving a Rhodes Scholarship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lucas Brown as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and best wishes for his studies at Oxford.

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