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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate University of Illinois  
4 senior, Thomas Dowling, on being named a 2018 Rhodes Scholar;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Thomas Dowling is one of 32 students from the  
7 United States selected as a Rhodes Scholar for postgraduate  
8 study at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom; he is  
9 the first Rhodes Scholar on the Urbana campus since 1998; and

10           WHEREAS, Thomas Dowling is a double major in political  
11 science and history and a James Scholar with a 4.0 GPA; he  
12 currently interns at the Institute of Government and Public  
13 Affairs investigating the state of the Illinois pension system;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Thomas Dowling has campaigned for and served as  
16 deputy chief of staff for State Rep. Carol Ammons; he was  
17 appointed to the Champaign Zoning Board of Appeals and served  
18 as a media consultant and organizing fellow for the 2016 Bernie  
19 Sanders presidential campaign; he interned at the Center for  
20 American Progress in Washington, D.C., where he worked on  
21 rapid-response research and communications projects; he spent  
22 a semester as a Center for Strategic Research intern at the

1 AFL-CIO, constructing strategies to help workers unionize and  
2 get more involved in the political process; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2017, Thomas Dowling was named a Truman Scholar  
4 and a Lincoln Academy Student Laureate; and

5 WHEREAS, Thomas Dowling is a first generation college  
6 student and was raised by a single mother; he plans to pursue a  
7 master's degree in comparative social policy and a master's  
8 degree in public policy; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 congratulate University of Illinois senior, Thomas Dowling, on  
12 being named a 2018 Rhodes Scholar, and we wish him the best in  
13 all his future endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Thomas Dowling as a symbol of our respect and  
16 esteem.