

House Resolution 917

By: Representative Smith of the 91st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending William B. Roper, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, William B. Roper, Jr., of Rutledge, Georgia, in Morgan County has achieved
3 a distinction attained by few in being named a 2001 Rhodes Scholar, and he joins a very
4 distinguished circle of young American scholars; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1902, Cecil Rhodes, a British philanthropist, created a scholarship through
6 his will that he hoped would provide the world with able and dedicated leaders, and 99 years
7 later, Will Roper has earned the distinct privilege to participate in an esteemed tradition; and

8 WHEREAS, Will is one of only 32 American students chosen for the famed Rhodes
9 Scholarship that provides two or three years of study at the University of Oxford where he
10 plans to pursue masters degrees in science and math as he aims for an academic career; and

11 WHEREAS, he is an exceptional student at Georgia Institute of Technology where he will
12 graduate with a master's degree in physics in May, is working on a defense contract involving
13 radar, and hopes to eventually teach college physics; and

14 WHEREAS, he has consistently demonstrated his academic ability and motivation, and his
15 accomplishments, integrity, leadership, and commitment to public service make him an ideal
16 candidate for this prestigious scholarship and a most deserving recipient.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize and commend William B. Roper, Jr., on the distinction
19 and honor of being named a Rhodes Scholar in 2001 and convey to him their heartiest
20 congratulations and best wishes in his future pursuits.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Will Roper.