

House Resolution 939

By: Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Dickerson of the 113th, Coleman of the 97th, Jones of the 53rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Ridwan Hassen for being selected as a 2015 Rhodes Scholar; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ridwan Hassen is one of only 32 recipients to receive the honor of being a 2015
4 Rhodes Scholar; and

5 WHEREAS, the Rhodes scholarship is among the oldest and most well-known academic
6 awards available to American college students; it pays for two to three years of study at the
7 University of Oxford in England; and

8 WHEREAS, students must go through a rigorous application process in order to be selected
9 as a Rhodes scholar, including an endorsement from his or her college or university, proof
10 of citizenship or legal residency, between five and eight letters of recommendation, and a
11 personal statement explaining what he or she wishes to study and why he or she wants to
12 study at Oxford; and

13 WHEREAS, he is a senior at Dartmouth studying computer science and neuroscience; he
14 said he plans to spend the first year of the scholarship working on a master's in public policy
15 and is leaning toward using the second for a master's in neuroscience; and

16 WHEREAS, Hassen is the child of refugees from Somalia and Ethiopia, which has provided
17 some of the direction of his activist and charity work; he was a volunteer coordinator for the
18 NAACP and founded an AIDS activist organization; he is now working on the Global
19 Development Project, a charity focused on the Horn of Africa.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend Ridwan Hassen for being selected as a 2015 Rhodes
22 Scholar.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
25 Ridwan Hassen.