

By: Representatives Davis, King, Watson

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87  
(As Adopted by House)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
2 MISSISSIPPI CENTER FOR GIFTED STUDIES ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS  
3 20TH ANNIVERSARY.

4 WHEREAS, the Center for Gifted Studies at The University of  
5 Southern Mississippi is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 1999;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, in 1979, Dr. Frances A. Karnes, whose professional  
8 life has been devoted to meeting the educational needs and  
9 challenges of gifted students, founded the Center for Gifted  
10 Studies to further the education of gifted students through  
11 teaching, research and services; and

12 WHEREAS, under Dr. Karnes continued service as the Center's  
13 director, some 7,000 students have benefited from its programs,  
14 and hundreds of teachers have been trained to teach gifted  
15 students; and

16 WHEREAS, the Center for Gifted Studies offers a variety of  
17 services, including instructional programs for intellectually  
18 gifted students, a program to develop leadership concepts and  
19 skills, teacher training, in-service education and an annual  
20 conference for parents and gifted youth and other concerned  
21 adults; and

22 WHEREAS, the Center provides several programs designed  
23 specifically for the youth, including the Saturday Gifted Studies  
24 Program, the Summer Gifted Studies Program, the Leadership Studies  
25 Program, the Summer Program for Academically Talented Youth and  
26 Leadership Competitions; and

27           WHEREAS, the parenting Gifted Children Conference is held  
28 annually in the fall for parents and concerned adults to gain  
29 information from those knowledgeable about the intellectual,  
30 academic, social and emotional needs of these unique students; and

31           WHEREAS, teachers may receive specific training in the area  
32 of gifted education and earn advanced degrees with an emphasis in  
33 gifted education at the master's, specialist and doctoral levels;  
34 and

35           WHEREAS, the Center has gathered and analyzed data for the  
36 purposes of identification, curriculum development and evaluation  
37 and program development and evaluation; and

38           WHEREAS, it is most appropriate for this Legislature to  
39 recognize and commend the Center for Gifted Studies at The  
40 University of Southern Mississippi, an outstanding institution  
41 that has aided in the development of gifted children of our state  
42 and entire nation, the future leaders of tomorrow:

43           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
45 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend The University of Southern  
46 Mississippi Center for Gifted Studies on the celebration of its  
47 20th Anniversary and express our deepest appreciation to Dr.  
48 Frances A. Karnes and the entire faculty and staff of the Center  
49 for their countless contributions to the State of Mississippi.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 furnished to the Center for Gifted Studies, Dr. Frances A. Karnes  
52 and members of the Capitol Press Corps.