

By: Senator(s) Harden, Horhn

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 620  
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING EDWARD HOLDEN HENRY FOR  
2 HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ALAMO THEATER AND THE FARISH  
3 STREET COMMUNITY.

4 WHEREAS, Edward Holden Henry was born on August 17, 1902, in  
5 Crystal Springs, Mississippi, and moved to Jackson, Mississippi,  
6 in 1908; and

7 WHEREAS, Edward Holden Henry attended school at Smith  
8 Robertson, Kosciusko Industrial College in Kosciusko, Mississippi,  
9 and Greer College in Chicago where he studied electronics; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1919, Edward Holden Henry began work as the first  
11 projectionist at the Alamo Theatre at its first location in the  
12 100 block of Farish Street, and continued working at the theater  
13 at its subsequent locations on Amite Street and on 333 Farish  
14 Street; and

15 WHEREAS, during his career at the Alamo Theatre, Edward  
16 Holden Henry worked with usher, Richard Wright, who later became a  
17 renowned writer, and trained several young men in the operation of  
18 projectors and spotlights; and

19 WHEREAS, Edward Holden Henry organized the Flack Local 589-A  
20 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees; and

21 WHEREAS, Edward Holden Henry retired as a projectionist in  
22 1977, but continued to work at the Mississippi State Coliseum, the  
23 Jackson City Auditorium and the College Park Auditorium, and on  
24 occasion, at the Paramount, the Lamar and the Capri Theatres; and

25 WHEREAS, Edward Holden Henry had the pleasure of working with  
26 film crews on various motion pictures made in Mississippi, such as

27 "Thieves Like Us," "Muhammad Ali," and "Huckleberry Finn," and was  
28 featured in the movie made for television by American Classics  
29 "Long, Long Ago"; and

30 WHEREAS, he has received accolades from numerous professional  
31 and civic organizations, and his knowledge of the Farish Street  
32 area made him a jewel of information as a docent at Smith  
33 Robertson Museum; and

34 WHEREAS, Edward Holden Henry is currently a devoted member of  
35 Mt. Helm Baptist Church; and

36 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to commend the  
37 exemplary service of its citizens:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
39 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
40 we do hereby commend Edward Holden Henry for his many years of  
41 service to the Alamo Theater and the Farish Street community.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
43 furnished to Edward Holden Henry and made available to the Capitol  
44 Press Corps.