

By: Senator(s) Carlton, Ferris, Furniss

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68  
(As Adopted by Senate)

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND ELLEN DOUGLAS, NOTED AUTHOR, UPON THE  
2 OCCASION OF HER HONOR AS A RECIPIENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S ARTIST'S  
3 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS.

4 WHEREAS, critically acclaimed and highly praised by fellow  
5 authors Shelby Foote, Walker Percy, Eudora Welty, Richard Ford and  
6 Ursula Hegi, the works of Ellen Douglas have long been recognized  
7 as outstanding contemporary literature; and

8 WHEREAS, Ellen Douglas is the pen name of Natchez native  
9 Josephine Haxton; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Douglas is characterized as a born storyteller  
11 whose lyrical prose breathes life into the stories of everyday  
12 relationships between ordinary people; and

13 WHEREAS, her deft touch in probing the layers of emotions and  
14 history that make up the connections between family members and  
15 between different races has earned her numerous honors, such as  
16 the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Award for Literature  
17 in 1979 and 1982, and the Hillsdale Award for Fiction from the  
18 Fellowship of Southern Writers; and

19 WHEREAS, from the penning of her first novel, A Family's  
20 Affairs, in 1962, to her most recent account of the history of her  
21 Natchez ancestors, Truth: Four Stories I am Finally Old Enough to  
22 Tell, Ellen Douglas has used Mississippi towns as the settings for  
23 her stories; and

24 WHEREAS, her works have had a universal appeal and have been  
25 published in England, Sweden, Germany and the Netherlands; and

26 WHEREAS, she has been a writer-in-residence at the University

27 of Mississippi and Millsaps College, as well as a visiting  
28 professor at the University of Virginia, Hollins College and the  
29 Sewanee Writers Conference; and

30 WHEREAS, Ms. Douglas is an author of enormous talent and  
31 style who showcases to the world the best that Mississippi has to  
32 offer; and

33 WHEREAS, Ellen Douglas is richly deserving of the honor  
34 bestowed upon her as the recipient of the Governor's Artist's  
35 Achievement Award for Excellence in the Arts:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
37 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Ellen  
38 Douglas upon the occasion of her being named a Governor's Awards  
39 for Excellence in the Arts winner.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
41 presented to Josephine Haxton.