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To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. CHARLIE MUSSELWHITE  
2 UPON RECEIVING THE 2000 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE  
3 ARTS ARTIST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Charlie Musselwhite, a celebrated international  
5 blues harmonica virtuoso artist and guitarist, will receive the  
6 2000 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts Artist  
7 Achievement Award on March 17, 2000; and

8 WHEREAS, the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts is  
9 a program coordinated by the Mississippi Arts Commission and  
10 hosted by Governor and Mrs. Ronnie Musgrove; and

11 WHEREAS, born in 1944 in Kosciusko, Mississippi, Mr.  
12 Musselwhite went to school in Memphis, growing up in the music mix  
13 of rockabilly, Elvis Presley and blues greats Furry Lewis, Will  
14 Shade and the Memphis Jug Band; and

15 WHEREAS, at the age of 18, Mr. Musselwhite moved to Chicago  
16 where he began hanging out in blues clubs, sitting in with Little  
17 Walter, Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf and playing with artists  
18 including Big Joe Williams, Big Walter Horton and Robert  
19 Nighthawk; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Musselwhite made his Vanguard recording debut in  
21 1966 with "Stand Back! Here Comes Charley Musselwhite Southside  
22 Blues Band," which became one of the first critically acclaimed  
23 blues albums by a white musician; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Musselwhite's international touring schedule is  
25 packed and he is frequently featured at festivals in Bergen,  
26 Norway, Finland, Madrid, Rio and Mexico; and

27           WHEREAS, Mr. Musselwhite has been featured on television  
28 shows, including Saturday Night Live, Late Night with David  
29 Letterman, CBS This Morning and Live from the House of Blues; and

30           WHEREAS, Mr. Musselwhite, a six-time W.C. Handy Award Winner,  
31 has composed and recorded a song titled, "Clarksdale Boogie," in  
32 honor of the Clarksdale Sunflower River Blues Festival; and

33           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
34 and commend excellence of outstanding Mississippians such as Mr.  
35 Charlie Musselwhite, whose music has touched the lives of people  
36 in the State of Mississippi and all over the world:

37           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
39 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Charlie  
40 Musselwhite upon receiving the 2000 Governor's Awards for  
41 Excellence in the Arts Artist Achievement Award.

42           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
43 furnished to Mr. Charlie Musselwhite and to the members of the  
44 Capitol Press Corps.