

By: Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

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.