

By: Moody

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 86

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING STEWART POTTERY UPON
2 RECEIVING THE 2000 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS
3 HERITAGE AWARD.

4 WHEREAS, Stewart Pottery will receive the 2000 Governor's
5 Award for Excellence in the Arts Heritage Award on March 17, 2000;
6 and

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

10 WHEREAS, Homer Wade Stewart established Stewart Pottery in
11 1888, taking advantage of the rich deposit of natural clay found
12 in the county; and

13 WHEREAS, Stewart Pottery has produced a steady stream of
14 beautifully glazed, exceptionally crafted, hand thrown pots,
15 churns, bowls, cups and vessels; and

16 WHEREAS, Homer Stewart's three sons, Gerald, Tom and Winford,
17 all became potters as well as his grandson, Frank, and
18 great-grandson, Keith; and

19 WHEREAS, Keith, a graduate of art history and ceramics at the
20 University of Mississippi, is continuing the rich Stewart Pottery
21 heritage as part of a thriving colony of artists in Taylor,
22 Mississippi, where he is pushing the possibilities of clay to
23 newer and higher limits, never losing sight of his legacy as a
24 fifth generation Mississippi potter; and

25 WHEREAS, while Stewart Pottery has seen many changes in the
26 market and technology, there remains a rare continuity in their

27 art; and

28 WHEREAS, the Stewart family's finely honed skills, techniques
29 and unique designs are handed down from one generation to the
30 next; and

31 WHEREAS, the Stewart legacy is one that provides each
32 succeeding generation with the necessary skills, passion and
33 appreciation for the clay to produce a style of southern folk
34 pottery whose beauty is found in the unity of form and function;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, over 100 years later, the Stewart Pottery tradition
37 continues in Mississippi, with the same family, from the same vein
38 of clay in the Red Clay Hills of Winston County:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
41 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Stewart
42 Pottery upon receiving the 2000 Governor's Award for Excellence in
43 the Arts Heritage Award.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to Stewart Pottery and to the members of the Capitol
46 Press Corps.