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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 575
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING LARRY
2 BROWN OF THE TULA COMMUNITY IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY FOR RECEIVING THE
3 2000 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS IN THE ARTIST
4 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CATEGORY.

5 WHEREAS, Larry Brown has been named the recipient of the
6 Artist Achievement Award category of the 2000 Governor's Awards
7 for Excellence in the Arts selected by the Mississippi Arts
8 Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, Larry Brown is a firefighter turned award-winning
10 writer; a native Mississippian who was raised in the Tula
11 Community outside of Oxford in Lafayette County, Larry and his
12 family still live outside Oxford; he was a fireman with the Oxford
13 Fire Department for many years; during his career as a fireman, he
14 began developing his skills as a writer and eventually had several
15 short stories accepted for publication; he is published by
16 Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and

17 WHEREAS, Larry is currently working on a book of essays; he
18 has had the following books of fiction and nonfiction published:
19 Facing the Music, 1988; Dirty Work, 1989; Big Bad Love, 1990; Joe,
20 1991; On Fire, 1994; Father and Son, 1996; and

21 WHEREAS, Larry's short stories have appeared in several
22 literary journals as well as the annual Best American Short
23 Stories; in 1991, Publisher's Weekly Notable Book Council of the
24 American Library Association selected his novel, Joe, as a Best
25 Book; Larry was also the first two-time winner of the Southern
26 Book Award for fiction presented by the Southern Book Critics
27 Circle - Father and Son in 1997 and Joe in 1992; he was also a

28 recipient of the Mississippi Arts and Letters Award; and

29 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Mary Annie, have three children,
30 Billy Ray, a farmer in Oxford; Shane, a junior at Mississippi
31 State University; and LeAnne, a junior at Lafayette High School;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
34 Mississippi writer who has been honored by his peers and brought
35 honor to his community and to the State of Mississippi:

36 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
38 we do hereby commend and congratulate Larry Brown of the Tula
39 Community in Lafayette County for receiving the 2000 Governor's
40 Awards for Excellence in the Arts in the Artist Achievement Award
41 Category, and wish him continued success in his future writing
42 endeavors.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
44 presented to Larry Brown and his family in ceremonies at the Old
45 Capitol and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.