

By: Representative Brown

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. LESTER SENTER ON BEING
2 NAMED THE 2001 ARTIST'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER OF THE GOVERNOR'S
3 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Lester Senter will be honored on February 9,
5 2001, for being named the 2001 Artist's Achievement Award Winner
6 of the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Senter began her international performance
8 career as a mezzo-soprano in 1975 as Marthe in Gounod's Faust with
9 Orlando Opera opposite Placido Domingo, Beverly Sills and Norman
10 Triegle; and

11 WHEREAS, other notable performances during her distinguished
12 career include Leonor of Aquitaine in American composer Carlisle
13 Floyd's Flower and Hawk on Mississippi ETV, Hermia in Benjamin
14 Britten's A Midsummer's Night Dream for Iowa ETV and Mrs. Noah in
15 Britten's Noah's Flood with Opera Grand Rapids; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Senter is a devoted patron of the arts often
17 serving as a catalyst for the creation of new works and the
18 discovery and promotion of new talent; and

19 WHEREAS, her community involvement includes serving on the
20 boards of performing arts organizations in Mississippi and
21 Louisiana and to performing for thousands of school children in
22 Mississippi; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Senter served many years as a trustee and is
24 currently serving as executive director of the prestigious Wideman
25 Piano Competition, in her native Shreveport, Louisiana, which is
26 celebrating its 50th anniversary this year; and

27 WHEREAS, Ms. Senter has commissioned and performed the World
28 Premiers of six works including Beginnings, a song cycle of singer
29 and orchestra composed by Luigi Zaninelli of The University of
30 Southern Mississippi and based on Eudora Welty's One Writer's
31 Beginnings; Renascence by Michael Cave, a musical setting of the
32 poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay; and most recently, Robinson: The
33 Cat by Colman Pearce, a setting of Robinson: The Pleasant History
34 of an unusual Cat by Walter Anderson with which she has toured
35 Ireland and the South; and

36 WHEREAS, Ms. Senter's many accomplishments includes four
37 recordings including The Memory is a Living Thing, songs based
38 upon texts by Eudora Welty; and

39 WHEREAS, Ms. Senter received a doctorate in Music Arts from
40 the University of Texas in Austin with a double major in voice and
41 piano and holds a certificate from Mozarteum, Salzburg, Austria;
42 and

43 WHEREAS, in addition, Ms. Senter has been recognized by the
44 Junior League of Jackson as one of the Outstanding Women of
45 Mississippi; and

46 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
47 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Ms. Senter, whose
48 many years of music and entertainment has touched the lives of so
49 many:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
51 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
52 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Ms. Lester Senter for being
53 named the 2001 Artist's Achievement Award Winner of the Governor's
54 Awards for Excellence in the Arts and express our best wishes of
55 success in all her future endeavors.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
57 furnished to Ms. Lester Senter and to the members of the Capitol
58 Press Corps.