

By: Representatives Bailey, Cameron

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. ABIE "BOOGALOO" AMES  
2 ON BEING NAMED THE 2001 ARTIST'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER OF THE  
3 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Abie "Boogaloo" Ames will be honored on February  
5 9, 2001, for being named the 2001 Artist's Achievement Award  
6 Winner of the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Ames began playing the piano 75 years ago,  
8 practicing on an old worn-out upright acquired for his sister  
9 which felt more comfortable to him; and

10 WHEREAS, while his brothers and sisters were playing baseball  
11 outdoors, Mr. Ames would sit and listen to the radio, playing what  
12 he heard on the piano; and

13 WHEREAS, at the age of 14, Mr. Ames moved with his family to  
14 Detroit, where he had his own successful Detroit-based band in the  
15 1940's; and

16 WHEREAS, during the early years of Motown, Mr. Ames worked as  
17 a session player in the Motown Studios; and

18 WHEREAS, in the 1960's, Mr. Ames moved back to the  
19 Mississippi Delta where he remains a living legend, a human  
20 library of jazz and blues songs; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Ames has performed in countless blues festivals,  
22 including the prestigious Chicago Blues Festival; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Ames has received numerous awards for his  
24 achievement including a Mississippi Arts Commission Folk Arts  
25 Apprenticeship in 1993, the Greenville Arts Council Lifetime  
26 Achievement Award in 1998 and was inducted into Greenville's  
27 Walnut Street Blues Walk in 1999; and

28           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
29 and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Ames, whose  
30 many years of music and entertainment has touched the lives of so  
31 many:

32           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
34 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Mr. Abie "Boogaloo" Ames for  
35 being named the 2001 Artist's Achievement Award Winner of the  
36 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and express our best  
37 wishes of success in all his future endeavors.

38           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
39 furnished to Mr. Abie "Boogaloo" Ames and to the members of the  
40 Capitol Press Corps.