

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.