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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Ames has received numerous awards for his
achievement including a Mississippi Arts Commission Folk Arts
Apprenticeship in 1993, the Greenville Arts Council Lifetime
Achievement Award in 1998 and was inducted into Greenville's
Walnut Street Blues Walk in 1999; and
WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Mr. Ames, whose
many years of music and entertainment has touched the lives of so
many:

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

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