

By: Representatives Whittington, Capps,
Mayo, Perkins, Stevens

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 103

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING ELIZABETH SPENCER FOR HER
2 MANY OUTSTANDING LITERARY ACHIEVEMENTS.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Elizabeth Spencer, a native of Carrollton,
4 Mississippi, has been recognized for her many outstanding literary
5 achievements; and

6 WHEREAS, after graduating from J.Z. George High School, Ms.
7 Spencer attended Belhaven College, where she received her
8 bachelor's degree, and Vanderbilt University, where she earned a
9 master's degree; and

10 WHEREAS, in addition, Ms. Spencer has received numerous
11 honorary degrees from several outstanding institutions of higher
12 learning including Rhodes, formerly Southwestern University in
13 Memphis, Tennessee; Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec;
14 University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee; University of North
15 Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Belhaven College in Jackson,
16 Mississippi; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer's long and distinguished career includes
18 nine novels: Fire in the Morning, This Crooked Way, The Voice at
19 the Back Door, The Light in the Piazza, Knights and Dragons, No
20 Place for an Angel, The Snare, The Salt Line, The Night
21 Travellers; and

22 WHEREAS, in addition, Ms. Spencer has several short story
23 collections such as: Ship Island and Other Stories, The Stories
24 of Elizabeth Spencer, Jack of Diamonds and Other Stories, Marilee,
25 On the Gulf and The Light in Piazza and Other Italian Tales; and

26 WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer has also written a nonfiction book
27 entitled Landscapes of the Heart and a drama, For Lease or Sale;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, throughout her long and distinguished career, Ms.
30 Spencer has received numerous honors and awards including the
31 Recognition Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters,
32 Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, Kenyon Review Fiction
33 Fellowship, First Rosenthal Award from the American Academy,
34 McGraw-Hill Fiction Fellowship, Bellaman Award, National Endowment
35 for the Arts Fellowship, Salem Award for Distinction in Letters
36 from Salem College, John Dos Passos Award for Literature, the 1999
37 Mississippi State Library Association Award for nonfiction and
38 many others; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
40 and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the hard work
41 and dedication of Ms. Spencer to her writing career:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
44 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Ms. Elizabeth Spencer for her
45 many outstanding literary achievements and express our heartiest
46 wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
48 furnished to Ms. Elizabeth Spencer and to the members of the
49 Capitol Press Corps.