

By: Senator(s) Johnson (19th), Blackmon,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING SAMUEL MOCKBEE, THE 2001 LIFETIME
2 ACHIEVEMENT WINNER OF THE GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE
3 ARTS.

4 WHEREAS, Samuel Mockbee has recently been named the 2001
5 Lifetime Achievement Winner of the Governor's Awards for
6 Excellence in the Arts; and

7 WHEREAS, a recipient of the MacArthur Foundation "Genius"
8 Award, Samuel Mockbee has been making news and winning awards as
9 long as he has been teaching and practicing architecture; and

10 WHEREAS, Samuel Mockbee, a Meridian native, has been
11 nationally and internationally recognized for his work on projects
12 as diverse as the Mississippi Pavilion at the 1984 World
13 Exposition, the National Center for Physical Acoustics at the
14 University of Mississippi, to the work of the Auburn Rural Studio
15 in Hale County, Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1967, he won a Progressive Architecture Award for
17 three charity houses near Canton to help three families break the
18 cycle of poverty; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1992 and 1997, the Barton House and Shiloh Falls
20 House won a Record House Award from Architectural Record Magazine
21 and the Cook Residence in Oxford won a prestigious AIA National
22 Design Award in 1994; and

23 WHEREAS, the recognition of the Cook Residence by the
24 American Institute of Architects makes it one of only two
25 buildings in Mississippi which have been honored by the National
26 AIA; and

27 WHEREAS, Samuel Mockbee has also received the Apgar Award
28 from the National Building Museum, Washington, D.C., and was one
29 of five national architects honored for environmental, social and
30 aesthetic contributions by the Smithsonian Cooper-Hewitt National
31 Design Museum at a White House Ceremony last year; and

32 WHEREAS, recently, Mockbee's work has concentrated on his
33 teaching program known as the Rural Studio, established in 1993
34 through Auburn University, where students design/build homes and
35 community buildings for needy families in Hale County, Alabama,
36 one of the most economically distressed regions in the United
37 States; and

38 WHEREAS, while his ideas and influence have reached far
39 beyond Mississippi's perimeter, Samuel Mockbee continues to live
40 and work here serving as a model to others to follow; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
42 achievements and contributions of this Mississippian who has
43 brought honor to his community and to the State of Mississippi:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend Samuel Mockbee, the 2001
46 Lifetime Achievement Winner of the Governor's Awards for
47 Excellence in the Arts.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
49 furnished to Samuel Mockbee and made available to the Capitol
50 Press Corps.