

By: Representative Watson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE THEATRE  
2 UPON WINNING THE 2002 COLLEGIATE EXCELLENCE IN THEATRE ARTS AWARD.

3 WHEREAS, William Carey College Theatre has a long tradition  
4 of excellence in performance, academic and community outreach; and

5 WHEREAS, when endeavoring in 1995 to participate in the  
6 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, William Carey  
7 College Theatre gained significant national recognition; and

8 WHEREAS, William Carey College Theatre has, in the last four  
9 of five years, performed at the Region IV festival, which is very  
10 selective in showcasing theatrical presentations, allowing only  
11 six productions from the ten southeastern states annually; and

12 WHEREAS, student playwright, Jonathan Evans, won the national  
13 Jean Kennedy Smith Playwriting Award for his production of "And  
14 David Danced," which was one of four productions in the entire  
15 United States invited to the Kennedy Center National Festival in  
16 Washington, D.C.; and

17 WHEREAS, William Carey College Theatre students have won four  
18 national awards in the American College Theatre Festival's design  
19 competition at the Kennedy Center and ten regional prizes; and

20 WHEREAS, with the nucleus of the program being academic  
21 achievement, William Carey College Theatre is the first and only  
22 American theatrical company to perform at the Annual International  
23 Theatre Festival in Bratislava, Slovakia; and

24 WHEREAS, through its many successes, William Carey College  
25 Theatre students have been able to enjoy a 100% acceptance rate  
26 into graduate schools, acquiring positions in professional theatre  
27 throughout the country; and



28           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of  
29 the State of Mississippi to recognize and commend excellence,  
30 especially when evidenced by the institutions of higher learning  
31 of our state, which provide valuable educational opportunities:

32           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
34 commend and congratulate the William Carey College Theatre for its  
35 excellence in the arts and for being the 2002 recipient of the  
36 Collegiate Excellence in the Arts Theatre Award.

37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
38 furnished to the William Carey College Theatre Department and the  
39 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

