

By: Senator(s) Little, Dawkins, Tollison,  
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To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 570

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING WILLIAM  
2 EGGLESTON, THE "FATHER OF COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY", UPON HIS RECEIPT OF  
3 THE 2003 GOVERNOR'S EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARD IN THE CATEGORY  
4 OF ARTIST'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PHOTOGRAPHY.

5 WHEREAS, William Eggleston was raised in Sumner, Mississippi,  
6 and is the recipient of the 2003 Governor's Excellence in the Arts  
7 Award in the category of Artist's Achievement in Photography; and

8 WHEREAS, though born in Memphis, Tennessee, William Eggleston  
9 grew up on a cotton plantation in Sumner, Mississippi, and took  
10 his first pictures when he was around 10 years old. That first  
11 picture led to a career that has spanned decades and reached  
12 worldwide acclaim; and

13 WHEREAS, Eggleston known since the 1990's as the "Father of  
14 Color Photography", is widely regarded as the leading and most  
15 influential color photographer of the 20th Century; and

16 WHEREAS, Eggleston studied at Vanderbilt University, Delta  
17 State College and the University of Mississippi. He later worked  
18 as a freelance photographer in the Mississippi-Tennessee region  
19 and in Washington, D.C. In 1965, Eggleston began to experiment  
20 with color. In 1967 he moved to New York City, where he showed  
21 his work to John Szarkowski, then curator of photography at the  
22 Museum of Modern Art. The meeting led to a landmark exhibition at  
23 the Museum of Modern Art 1976 and the production of the  
24 accompanying catalogue *William Eggleston's Guide*. The Museum of  
25 Modern Art exhibit marked the beginning of the recognition of  
26 color photography as an art form.

27 WHEREAS, Eggleston has been a lecturer in Visual and  
28 Environmental Studies at Harvard University and a researcher in



29 color video at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has  
30 received grants from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National  
31 Endowment for the Arts and the Arts Survey. He has been  
32 commissioned to photograph for *Rolling Stone*, AT&T and the  
33 Coca-Coca Company. In 1998, he was the recipient of the coveted  
34 Hasselblad Foundation's International Award in Photography which  
35 has recognized the pioneering and profound achievements of  
36 photographers such as Lennart Nilsson and Ansel Adams since 1980.  
37 Since 1974, Eggleston has exhibited his extensive work in numerous  
38 museums and galleries around the world, and has since returned to  
39 Memphis to live; and

40 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the unique  
41 talent of this Mississippian who has brought honor to the State of  
42 Mississippi:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
44 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
45 we do hereby commend and congratulate William Eggleston, the  
46 "Father of Color Photography", upon his receipt of the 2003  
47 Governor's Excellence in the Arts Award in the category of  
48 Artist's Achievement in Photography, and wish him and his family  
49 success in their future endeavors.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
51 William Eggleston at induction ceremonies on February 28, 2003,  
52 and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

