

By: Representatives Davis, Watson,  
Fillingane, Lott, Pierce

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE FRANCES A. KARNES  
2 CENTER FOR GIFTED STUDIES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF ITS 25TH  
3 ANNIVERSARY.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is dedicated to providing  
5 quality educational programs to meet the needs of all its  
6 citizens, including children who are intellectually, academically,  
7 artistically and creatively gifted; and

8 WHEREAS, the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies on  
9 the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi in  
10 Hattiesburg, Mississippi, has been dedicated since 1979 to  
11 furthering and advocating for the education of all children,  
12 including intellectually, academically, artistically and  
13 creatively gifted; and

14 WHEREAS, the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies  
15 offers a program for the development of leadership skills in all  
16 children through the Leadership Studies Program for students in  
17 Grades 6 through 11 and the leadership competitions for students  
18 in Grades 7 through 11; and

19 WHEREAS, the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies  
20 offers instructional programs for intellectually gifted children  
21 in Grades kindergarten through 12 through the Saturday Gifted  
22 Studies Programs and the Summer Gifted Studies Program; and

23 WHEREAS, the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies  
24 offers instructional programs for academically talented students  
25 in Grades 7 through 10 through the Summer Program for Academically  
26 Talented Youth and the cooperative efforts of the Duke University

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28 Talent Identification Program; and

29 WHEREAS, the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies  
30 offers services for parents and other adults concerned with the  
31 education of the gifted through the Parenting Gifted Children  
32 Conference; and

33 WHEREAS, the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies  
34 offers teacher education programs through the Fall and Spring Day  
35 of Sharing for Teachers of the Gifted and master's, specialist and  
36 doctoral level degree programs through the University of Southern  
37 Mississippi; and

38 WHEREAS, the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies  
39 conducts research in critical areas of gifted education,  
40 including, but not limited to, screening and identification of  
41 gifted children, curriculum and program development and  
42 evaluation; and

43 WHEREAS, the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies  
44 regularly publishes a newsletter, *Friends for Gifted Education*  
45 *Newsletter*, to inform, educate and advocate for the needs of  
46 intellectually, academically, artistically and creatively gifted  
47 children; and

48 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
49 such institutions as the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted  
50 Studies, which has been monumental in the furtherance of  
51 educational achievement and excellence, and has been recognized at  
52 the state and national levels for outstanding contribution in  
53 teacher education, research and service:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
56 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize the Frances A. Karnes Center  
57 for Gifted Studies on its 25th anniversary, extend our heartiest  
58 wishes for success in all its future endeavors and proclaim the

59 year of 2004 as *The Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies*  
60 *25th Commemorative Anniversary* in Mississippi.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
62 furnished to the Director of the Frances A. Karnes Center for  
63 Gifted Studies on behalf of the University of Southern Mississippi  
64 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.