

By: Representatives Hamilton (109th),  
Broomfield, Guice, Parker, Read, Wells-Smith,  
Zuber, Horne

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARK CUMBEST UPON BEING  
2 NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE 2005 WHO'S WHO IN BUSINESS AWARD BY THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS JOURNAL.

4 WHEREAS, Mark Cumbest, broker-owner of Cumbest Realty Inc.,  
5 was recently honored as recipient of the 2005 Who's Who in  
6 Business Award by the Mississippi Business Journal at the 2005  
7 Mississippi Business and Technology Expo; and

8 WHEREAS, having founded Cumbest Realty Inc., in 1975 after  
9 graduating from the University of Southern Mississippi where he  
10 majored in real estate and insurance, Cumbest received the award  
11 in the category of chief executive officer of firms ranging in  
12 personnel size from one to twenty-five; and

13 WHEREAS, not a stranger to success and recognition, Mr.  
14 Cumbest's achievements include being named Land Realtor of America  
15 in 1991; selected National President of the Realtors Land  
16 Institute in 1995; named Mississippi Realtor of the Year and  
17 "Today's Realtor" by *Today's Realtor Magazine* in 1997; became  
18 youngest inductee into the Mississippi Realtor Hall of Fame in  
19 1999; selected in 2002 as one of the Top Ten South Mississippi  
20 Community Leaders; and inducted into the Roland Weeks Leadership  
21 Hall of Fame; and

22 WHEREAS, holding the Accredited Land Consultants Designation  
23 of the Realtors Land Institute, Mr. Cumbest is a five-time  
24 recipient of the Realtor of the Year Award for the East Gulf Coast  
25 Board of Realtors and four-time recipient by the Mississippi  
26 Chapter of the Realtors Land Institute; and

27           WHEREAS, current board chair of The United Methodist Hour, a  
28 radio television ministry based in Hattiesburg, Mr. Cumbest is a  
29 member of the Caswell Springs United Methodist Church where he  
30 serves on the building committee, teaches Sunday School and serves  
31 as finance chairman; and

32           WHEREAS, Mr. Cumbest is a member of the Mississippi Gulf  
33 Coast Economic Development Council, the Real Estate Council of the  
34 University of Southern Mississippi Foundation, and is very active  
35 in various civic, political and fraternal organizations; and

36           WHEREAS, over the years he has enjoyed the support, love and  
37 inspiration given him by his family: wife, Pamela; and sons,  
38 Grant and Reid; and

39           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
40 and commend excellence in such outstanding businessmen as Mr.  
41 Cumbest, whose perseverance and determination has garnered him  
42 much respect and recognition and brings great pride to his state,  
43 community and family:

44           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
46 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mark Cumbest  
47 upon being named recipient of the 2005 Who's Who in Business Award  
48 and extend our warmest wishes for continued success in all his  
49 future endeavors.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 furnished to Mr. Mark Cumbest and to the members of the Capitol  
52 Press Corps.