A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. HAL HOLBROOK AND CONGRATULATING
HIM UPON ALL HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CAREER SUCCESSES AS AN ACTOR.

WHEREAS, Harold Rowe Holbrook, Jr., whom we have come to know
as Hal Holbrook, was born on February 17, 1925, in Cleveland,
Ohio, to Harold Rowe Holbrook and Aileen Davenport; and

WHEREAS, Hal Holbrook entered Denison University in 1942,
left to serve three years in the United States Army as an engineer
during World War II, and subsequently graduated from Denison
University in 1948, where his participation in an honors program
on Mark Twain would launch his long career as a performer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holbrook, as he told Bill Moyers in an
interview, presented his first solo performance as Mark Twain at
Lock Haven State Teachers College in Pennsylvania in 1954, as a
"desperate alternative to selling hats or running elevators to
keep his family alive"; and

WHEREAS, later Ed Sullivan saw Holbrook's performance and
invited him on the Ed Sullivan Show where Holbrook received his
first national exposure as Twain on February 12, 1956; and

WHEREAS, eventually more performances and other venues would
solidify Mr. Holbrook's "Mark Twain Tonight" as the most enduring
one man show in theatrical history and would inspire many more
actors and actresses to bring to life characters of history to the
world's theater goers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holbrook has represented the United States of
America by way of Mark Twain Tonight on groundbreaking
performances in Europe which included the first appearance of an
WHEREAS, Mr. Holbrook's career has extended beyond Mark Twain including starring roles on Broadway in Man of LaMancha, The Glass Menagerie, I Never Sang for My Father; more than 60 movies including most recent ones: "The Majestic," "Men of Honor," and "The Firm"; and more than 100 non-Twain television appearances, including 50 made-for-television films or miniseries which have earned him 12 Emmy nominations, winning five; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holbrook's Mark Twain Tonight passed the 2000 performance mark on January 17, 2004, and tomorrow night, March 13, 2007, in Jackson, Mississippi, will be in its 53rd year and has earned him an Emmy for his 1967 television performance, a Tony for his Broadway performance in 1966, and a Drama Critic's Circle Award; and

WHEREAS, Hal Holbrook is married to Dixie Carter, a true Southern Belle from our neighboring state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to recognize and commend outstanding entertainers such as Mr. Holbrook, whose long and distinguished career and portrayal of Mark Twain continues to awe all those who partake in its performance:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mr. Hal Holbrook upon all his outstanding accomplishments and career successes as an actor and wish to convey our warmest wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Holbrook and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.