

By: Representative Blackmon

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER, PROMINENT
2 CHARACTER PORTRAYALS AND ARTISTIC ACCOLADES OF SIMBI KHALI.

3 WHEREAS, Simbi Khali, a critically acclaimed American
4 actress, was born on April 28, 1971, in Jackson, Mississippi, and
5 has dedicated her life to the arts and excellently performed in
6 many comedic, daring and powerful roles, bringing a sense of
7 recognition and realism to each and every character she has
8 portrayed; and

9 WHEREAS, from a very young age, Simbi was determined to amass
10 a wealth of knowledge about acting and how to succeed in the
11 acting and performing arts community, which prompted her to attend
12 the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, where her natural gift was
13 nurtured to hone her craft and ushered her along a thespian's path
14 to receive her acting degree from the California Institute of the
15 Arts, where she studied, trained and performed with some of the
16 world's most renowned artists; and

17 WHEREAS, Simbi began acting in 1994, and since that time,
18 she has played prominent parts in many television shows, including



19 *3rd Rock from the Sun*, perhaps her best known role because she
20 brought belly-laughter inducing hilarity and clever, quick wit to
21 the show as Nina Campbell and recurred in 134 episodes, and
22 *Martin*, where she brought a pop of pizzazz to the character of
23 Laquita and recurred in four episodes as one of the infamous
24 Sheneneh Jenkins' best girl pals; and

25 WHEREAS, in addition to *3rd Rock from the Sun* and *Martin*,
26 Simbi has also appeared in *The Sinbad Show*, *She TV*, *Men in Black:*
27 *The Series*, *Masquerade*, *That '80s Show*, *The Bernie Mac Show*,
28 *Special Agent Oso* and *Weeds*; and

29 WHEREAS, Simbi's artistic professionalism, dramatizable
30 portrayals and creative potential helped her garner inspirational
31 performances in several popular feature films, including *Vampire*
32 *in Brooklyn*, *A Thin Line Between Love and Hate*, *Plump Fiction*, *We*
33 *Were Soldiers* and *Mississippi Damned*; and

34 WHEREAS, throughout her tenure in Hollywood, Simbi has
35 remained grounded and in tune with her Mississippi roots, and her
36 remarkable and realistic character portrayals in many television
37 shows and movies have truly brought honor to this great Magnolia
38 State; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
40 recognize and commend the magnificent artistic contributions that
41 exceptional Mississippians such as Simbi Khali provide to the
42 citizens of the State of Mississippi:



43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
45 commend the distinguished career, prominent character portrayals
46 and many artistic accolades of Simbi Khali and extend to her most
47 sincere wishes for continued success in all of her future
48 endeavors.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 furnished to Simbi Khali, the family of Simbi Khali and to the
51 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

