

By: Senator(s) Horhn, Norwood, Frazier,  
Barnett, Burton, Chassaniol, Fillingane,  
Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 540

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
2 RENOWNED CLAY CRAFTSMAN CLAUDIA CARTEE UPON HER RECEIPT OF THE  
3 2016 GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN VISUAL ARTS.

4 WHEREAS, Claudia Cartee has worked as a professional Studio  
5 Potter since 1973; and

6 WHEREAS, she was born into a family of artists. Her mother  
7 was a Visual Artist and her father was a Musician and Master Mold  
8 Maker. He was the one to set Claudia on her journey in clay by  
9 purchasing a potter's wheel for her. She began her formal  
10 college-level studies in pottery and received her degree at  
11 California State University; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1978, she was asked to join the Craftsmen's Guild  
13 of Mississippi. She was one of only a few female artists who  
14 worked with clay on a wheel. She has been a Guild Fellow since  
15 1987. Ms. Cartee has served as President of the Guild and on the  
16 Board of Directors and has shown her work for decades at the  
17 popular Chimneyville Crafts Festival; and



18 WHEREAS, Ms. Cartee received a scholarship to study at The  
19 Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina, which she credits as a  
20 turning point in her career. A year after studying at Penland,  
21 she was awarded the Mississippi Arts Commission's Artist  
22 Fellowship Award. She received the honor again in 2012; and

23 WHEREAS, among her clay sculptures and wall pieces, Ms.  
24 Cartee's usable pottery and functional works are very popular with  
25 collectors. She signs her work "Ka", which means the part of the  
26 spirit that lives on after death; and

27 WHEREAS, she has received numerous awards from juried shows  
28 and festivals throughout Mississippi and the region. Her gallery  
29 and museum exhibitions range from the Meridian Museum of Art to  
30 the Attic Gallery in Vicksburg, the University of Southern  
31 Mississippi's Museum of Art, and the Mississippi Museum of Art,  
32 among many others. Her work resides in permanent collections  
33 throughout Mississippi; and

34 WHEREAS, Ms. Cartee's exceptional success as a Potter from  
35 rural Mississippi has cultivated arts tourism in Seminary,  
36 Mississippi, where her studio and sales gallery are located; and

37 WHEREAS, Claudia Cartee has shared her love of creating  
38 pottery by teaching throughout her career, mentoring clay artists  
39 and conducting countless workshops to help the next generation of  
40 potters; and it is with great pride that we recognize a  
41 Mississippi artist whose record of achievement has brought honor  
42 to her community and to the State of 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 renowned Clay Craftsman  
46 Claudia Cartee upon her receipt of the 2016 Governor's Arts Award  
47 for Excellence in Visual Arts, and extend our best wishes to  
48 Claudia on this high honor.

49           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
50 Claudia Cartee, forwarded to the Mississippi Arts Commission, and  
51 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

