

By: Representative Faulkner

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR
2 EXTRAORDINAIRE AND HOLLY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, NATIVE, MR. JESSE
3 J. HOLLAND AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON THE SUCCESS OF HIS FIRST
4 NOVEL, BLACK PANTHER: WHO IS THE BLACK PANTHER.

5 WHEREAS, Holly Springs, Mississippi, native and University of
6 Mississippi alum, Mr. Jesse J. Holland, an award-winning author,
7 has transcended the literary ranks of journalism, fiction and
8 nonfiction prose to celebrity stardom of mass acclaim after
9 penning and publishing the first novel featuring comic's most
10 popular African-American superhero, the Black Panther; and

11 WHEREAS, equipped with his Ole Miss baccalaureate liberal
12 arts degree with emphasis in journalism and English, coupled with
13 a masters of fine arts in creative nonfiction from Goucher
14 College, Mr. Holland, who is a race and ethnicity writer for *The*
15 *Associated Press*, holds the distinct accomplishment of being
16 recognized as one of a select few reporters whose career has
17 afforded them the unique opportunity to cover all three branches
18 of American government: the White House, the Supreme Court and
19 Congress; and



20 WHEREAS, in his novel *Black Panther: Who Is The Black*
21 *Panther*, the accomplished novelist recounts the origin of
22 T'Challa, the original Black Panther, and places a modern 21st
23 century spin on the larger-than-life fictional character's modus
24 operandi as a newly crowned king for the preservation of his
25 beloved home Wakanda and for the unification and benevolence of
26 mankind, giving new fans and longtime die-hard aficionados an
27 insider's preview for the release of the critically acclaimed
28 movie adaptation of the new *Black Panther*, produced by Marvel
29 Studios and released by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures; and

30 WHEREAS, the author of the now-classic *Black Men Built The*
31 *Capitol: Discovering African American History In and Around*
32 *Washington, D.C.* as his first book, and subsequent novel *The*
33 *Invisibles: The Untold Story of African American Slavery In The*
34 *White House*, which was named as the 2017 Silver Medal Award winner
35 in U.S. History in the Independent Publisher Book Awards as well
36 as one of the top history books of 2016 by *Smithsonian.com*,
37 Jesse's vivid depiction of the Black Panther earned him the
38 privilege of being entrusted by Lucasfilm to chronicle the history
39 of Finn, the newest African-American hero for the catalogue of
40 *Star Wars* series as the literary component of *Star Wars: The Force*
41 *Awakens - Finn's Story*; and

42 WHEREAS, in addition to lending his stroke of novelesque
43 genius to some of comic's most prolific heroes, Mr. Holland shares
44 his love of journalism and writing through public speaking and



45 teaching, having served as the visiting Distinguished Professor of
46 Ethics in Journalism at the University of Arkansas in 2016, and is
47 currently teaching creative nonfiction in the masters of fine arts
48 program at his second alma mater, Goucher College in Towson,
49 Maryland; and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
51 and commend excellence in literature and journalism when displayed
52 by the highest caliber of penmanship and creativity of such
53 exceptionally talented individuals as Mr. Jesse J. Holland, whose
54 penchant for the written art form has brought much attention to
55 his success as a true literary craftsman:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
57 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
58 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend award-winning author
59 extraordinaire and Holly Springs, Mississippi, native, Mr. Jesse
60 J. Holland and congratulate him upon the success of his first
61 novel, *Black Panther: Who Is The Black Panther*, and extend sincere
62 wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
64 furnished to Mr. Jesse J. Holland and to the members of the
65 Capitol Press Corps.

