

By: Representatives Henley, Criswell,
Eubanks, Foster, Hale, Hopkins, Kinkade,
Gibbs (72nd)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DR. LESLIE BURL
2 MCLEMORE UPON BEING PRESENTED THE PRESTIGIOUS CORA NORMAN AWARD BY
3 THE MISSISSIPPI HUMANITIES COUNCIL.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore is a revered man of many
5 facets, civil rights pioneer, university professor, champion of
6 the arts and humanities, newly elected Walls alderman, and now,
7 the recipient of the prestigious "Cora Norman Award"; and

8 WHEREAS, the Cora Norman Award will be awarded to Dr.
9 McLemore as part of the 2018 Public Humanities Awards to be
10 presented by the Mississippi Humanities Council at the Old Capitol
11 Museum in Jackson, Mississippi, on February 16, 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, named for the Mississippi Humanities Council's
13 founding director, who guided the council for its first 24 years,
14 the Cora Norman Award honors extraordinary individuals, such as
15 Dr. McLemore, who have made significant lifetime contributions to
16 the public humanities in Mississippi; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. McLemore, the former board chair of the
18 Mississippi Humanities Council, has been involved in the public



19 arena for more than half a century and continues in that spotlight
20 as the newly elected Walls alderman, a role which he will fill
21 with efficiency and effectiveness; and

22 WHEREAS, additionally, Dr. McLemore was a professor at
23 Jackson State University, and during his tenure there, he served
24 on the Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and
25 Democracy Board, which gave him the opportunity to work directly
26 under the cardinal guidance and benevolent tutelage of Cora Norman
27 herself; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. McLemore has dedicated his academic life and
29 career to determining how change for the better can occur through
30 the arts and humanities, just like Cora Norman did, and he is
31 truly delighted to receive an award named in her honor, a
32 remarkable, courageous woman who did more to embrace and enhance
33 the improvements of race relations in Mississippi and bring about
34 a sense of racial healing than anyone else; and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
36 recognize and commend the magnificent contributions and
37 unparalleled commitment to the arts and humanities that
38 exceptional Mississippians such as Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore have
39 provided to the citizens of this great Magnolia State:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
42 commend and congratulate Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore upon being
43 presented the prestigious Cora Norman Award by the Mississippi



44 Humanities Council, and extend best wishes for continued success
45 in all of his future endeavors.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
47 furnished to Dr. McLemore and to the members of the Capitol Press
48 Corps.

