

By: Representative Scoggin

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 65

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING ERIN AND BEN NAPIER FOR
2 BEING STELLAR HOSTS OF THE HIGHLY RATED "HOME TOWN" TELEVISION
3 SERIES ON HGTV, USING THEIR CREATIVE TALENTS TO REVITALIZE THE
4 TOWN OF LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI, AND PROMOTING POSITIVE IMAGES OF
5 MISSISSIPPI NATIONWIDE.

6 WHEREAS, Erin and Ben Napier are creators and hosts of one of
7 HGTV's most highly rated shows "Home Town" which focuses on the
8 Napiers' quest to revitalize the small Town of Laurel,
9 Mississippi, which happens to be their actual hometown; and

10 WHEREAS, this darling couple who knew they would be married
11 just six days after meeting in college continue to steal America's
12 heart each episode as they revitalize Laurel, Mississippi, by
13 lovingly renovating the small town one house at a time; and

14 WHEREAS, since the inception of the pilot for "Home Town"
15 which drew 2.2 million viewers for its first episode, the show has
16 continued to garner success as the number one show on HGTV in both
17 its fourth and fifth seasons, as well as being listed as one of
18 the top five shows on all cable television networks with season
19 five garnering over 32 million viewers across the season; and



20 WHEREAS, Erin and Ben use their charm, artistry, woodworking
21 skills, sense of community, history and storytelling to welcome
22 new families or returning Laurel natives by renovating historic
23 Laurel homes in new and exciting ways; and

24 WHEREAS, the success of "Home Town" has created a butterfly
25 effect for the series in the form of "Home Town Takeover:
26 Wetumpka, Alabama", with 6.5 million viewers on the day of its
27 debut, "Home Town: Ben's Workshop", which is one of the most
28 streamed original series on all networks, and soon to come "Home
29 Town Kickstart"; and

30 WHEREAS, in addition to being phenomenal television
31 creatives, this dynamic duo has added a number of other
32 distinguished titles to their resumes: Erin is an accomplished
33 artist, author, interior designer, owner of an international
34 stationary company, and cofounder/co-owner of Laurel Mercantile
35 Co., and Ben is a master woodworker, esteemed author, the founder
36 of Scotsman Co., and cofounder/co-owner of Laurel Mercantile Co.;

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38 WHEREAS, by far their best and finest creations have been
39 their sweet daughters Helen and Mae for whom they wear their most
40 proud titles as Mom and Dad; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
42 honor the lives and accomplishments of Mississippians such as Erin
43 and Ben Napier, who personify Mississippi hometown pride while



44 fostering economic development and stimulating great pride in its
45 citizens:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
48 honor and commend Erin and Ben Napier for being stellar hosts of
49 the highly rated "Home Town" television series on HGTV, using
50 their creative talents to revitalize the Town of Laurel,
51 Mississippi, and promoting positive images of Mississippi
52 nationwide.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
54 furnished to Erin and Ben Napier and to the members of the Capitol
55 Press Corps.

