

By: Senator(s) Horhn

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE RECOGNITION OF THE MISSISSIPPI
2 SENATE TO WIDELY PUBLISHED AND LAUDED MISSISSIPPI AUTHOR AND
3 JOURNALIST RALPH EUBANKS FROM MOUNT OLIVE AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE
4 2023 GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LITERATURE AND
5 CULTURAL AMBASSADOR.

6 WHEREAS, the Governor's Arts Awards Program has announced its
7 2023 recipients, which include renowned author, journalist and
8 public speaker Ralph Eubanks from Mount Olive as the 2023
9 Governor's Arts Award recipient for Excellence in Literature and
10 Cultural Ambassador; and

11 WHEREAS, established in 1988, Governor's Arts Awards are
12 given to individuals and organizations to recognize outstanding
13 work in the artistic disciplines, as well as arts-based community
14 development and arts patronage in Mississippi. The awards are
15 presented in partnership with the Governor's Office and signify
16 the important relationship between government and the arts; and

17 WHEREAS, hailing from Mount Olive, Mississippi, Warren Ralph
18 Eubanks is a widely published and lauded author, journalist,
19 professor, public speaker, and business executive. He knows



20 Mississippi well; the good and the bad aspects of his home state
21 have often been subjects of his writings; and

22 WHEREAS, Eubanks attended the University of Mississippi where
23 he led the literary honor society, Sigma Tau Delta; and

24 WHEREAS, Eubanks began his career as a copy editor at the
25 American Geophysical Union. He then moved on to Hemisphere
26 Publishing where he oversaw the production of over 75 books and
27 scholarly journals as Managing Editor. In 1990, Eubanks began
28 working with the American Psychological Association, where he
29 served as the Director of Book Publishing for five years; and

30 WHEREAS, in 1995, he joined the staff of the Library of
31 Congress as the Director of Publishing. While Eubanks was working
32 with the American Psychological Association, he simultaneously
33 served as a faculty advisor for Howard University's summer book
34 publishing program; and

35 WHEREAS, in addition to editing, Eubanks continued to write
36 his own works, often focusing on deeply personal stories that
37 examined his home state. His books *Ever Is a Long Time* and *The*
38 *House at the End of the Road* are both personal accounts of coming
39 of age as a Black Mississippian and coming to terms with our
40 state's complicated history. The year 2021 saw the release of *A*
41 *Place Like Mississippi*, which looks at the state's many talented
42 writers, the landscapes that shaped them, and their impact on our
43 nation; and



44 WHEREAS, Eubanks is a sought-after public speaker and has won
45 numerous accolades and awards for his writings including a
46 Guggenheim Fellowship and a Radcliffe Fellowship from the Harvard
47 Radcliffe Institute. He has written articles for some of the
48 nation's leading newspapers including the *Washington Post* and
49 *Chicago Tribune*; and

50 WHEREAS, throughout his career in letters, Eubanks has taken
51 the time to pass along his vast knowledge by teaching or guest
52 lecturing at institutions around the country including the
53 University of Virginia and Millsaps College; and

54 WHEREAS, since 1989, Eubanks has been married to Colleen
55 Delaney Eubanks. They have three children; and

56 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we pay tribute and
57 express appreciation for the literary talent of a Mississippi
58 author and journalist who has made Mississippi a better place and
59 exemplifies the artistic and literary traditions of our great
60 state:

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
62 MISSISSIPPI, That we hereby extend the recognition of the
63 Mississippi Senate to widely published and lauded Mississippi
64 author and journalist Ralph Eubanks from Mount Olive as the
65 recipient of the 2023 Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in
66 Literature and Cultural Ambassador and extend our congratulations
67 to a literary leader on this auspicious occasion.



68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
69 Ralph Eubanks as part of the Governor's Arts Awards presentation
70 and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

