

By: Representatives Summers, Brown, Banks,  
Gibbs (72nd)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING CHARLES "SMARTY PANTS" KING, JR., FOR  
2 HIS MANY YEARS OF PASSIONATE DEDICATION TO ENLIGHTEN AND INSPIRE  
3 YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND CONGRATULATING HIM  
4 UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Charles "Smarty Pants" King, Jr.,  
6 has inspired youth throughout this state by teaching them the  
7 importance of having an education, the importance of loving  
8 themselves, and giving practical life surviving techniques; and

9 WHEREAS, on December 17, at 10:30 a.m., "Smarty Pants" said  
10 goodbye at the Global Connection Daycare Center located in the  
11 Jackson Medical Mall, and announced his retirement; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1980, Charles King created Smarty Pants  
13 Educational Services using his unique techniques to teach children  
14 and chose the elephant as the face of the organization because in  
15 his words, "It's the largest land mammal,"; and

16 WHEREAS, "Smarty Pants" uses magic, brain teasers and art  
17 work to teach, as his business is so unique to him that he legally  
18 added "Smarty Pants" to his name, thus placing Charles "Smarty  
19 Pants" Henry King, Jr., on his birth certificate; and



20 WHEREAS, also an artist, he utilizes his artistic skills to  
21 use many of his 2,000 pieces of artwork to teach children by  
22 disguising puzzles or riddles or symbols in his artwork; and

23 WHEREAS, one of his pieces, for example, is an elaborate  
24 collage illustration of objects and symbols, each object carrying  
25 a tiny letter, each letter corresponds to a key, which accompanies  
26 the piece and touts a historical event or fact and Mr. King says  
27 he used this piece to teach gang members black history; and

28 WHEREAS, he is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, but spent much  
29 of his childhood in Battle Creek, Michigan, where he did not feel  
30 like he learned to think in school, and was an optimistic kid with  
31 a lot of imagination who believed his teachers stifled his  
32 creativity by telling him, "No, you can't do it that way."; and

33 WHEREAS, these experiences motivated him to create a business  
34 that allowed him to teach children to think—not more like him, but  
35 think using their own imagination; and

36 WHEREAS, he moved to Mississippi to care for his grandfather,  
37 but continued to grow the company and took the "catch them where  
38 they are" approach to teaching children, understanding that each  
39 child learns differently and that teachers must adapt; and

40 WHEREAS, visiting schools around the state, Mr. King teaches  
41 kids everything from how to stay drug free to techniques that  
42 maximize learning, teaching by his guiding principle: "If a child  
43 can't learn the way I teach, then I must learn to teach the way he  
44 can learn."; and



45           WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we celebrate the efforts  
46 of Mississippians who teach and inspire our youth, who are this  
47 state's future:

48           NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the House of Representatives of  
49 the State of Mississippi, we do hereby commend Mr. Charles "Smarty  
50 Pants" King, Jr., for his dedication to educate and inspire  
51 Mississippi children and congratulate him upon his retirement.

52           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
53 furnished to Mr. Charles "Smarty Pants" King, Jr., and to the  
54 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

