

By: Representatives Crudup, Gibbs (72nd)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 75

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SUCCESS OF THE IDA B. WELLS APAC
2 SCHOOL THESPIAN TROUPE 4909 UPON WINNING THE CHAPTER SELECT
3 CATEGORY AT THE INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN FESTIVAL (ITF) AND
4 RECOGNIZING THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEATRE ARTS.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Chapter Select competition is a
6 prestigious honor that showcases the exceptional talents of high
7 school theater productions across the state; and

8 WHEREAS, the Ida B. Wells APAC School Thespian Troupe 4909
9 has distinguished itself as one of the top-performing high school
10 theater groups in Mississippi by winning the Chapter Select
11 Category at the International Thespian Festival (ITF) for the
12 second consecutive year; and

13 WHEREAS, this remarkable achievement is a testament to the
14 troupe's consistent excellence in performance, direction, and
15 overall theatrical artistry, as demonstrated through their
16 outstanding production of "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered
17 Suicide/When The Rainbow Is Enuf," written by Ntozake Shange,
18 directed by Ashia Benford, and choreographed by Ms. Malaika
19 Quartermann; and



20 WHEREAS, the troupe, consisting of cast and crew who have
21 each contributed to this prestigious achievement, will be
22 representing the State of Mississippi at the International
23 Thespian Festival, to be held in Bloomington, Indiana, from June
24 22-27, 2025, including: cast members, Ava Reed - Lady in Red,
25 Brooklyn Bailey - Lady in Orange, Brooklyn Jefferson - Lady in
26 Purple, BryAnna Johnson - Ensemble, Hannah King - Lady in Green,
27 Kylie Smith - Ensemble, Madison Cormack - Lady in Brown, Raylan
28 McKinest - Lady in Blue and Saniya Coleman - Lady in Yellow; crew
29 members, Nya Crudup - Stage Manager, Rivka Quarterman - Sound Tech
30 and Victoria Smith - Assistant Stage Manager; and staff, Ashia
31 Benford - Guest Director, Malaika Quarterman - Lead Staff Member
32 and Madison Upendo - Technical Director; and

33 WHEREAS, the members of Troupe 4909 have showcased their
34 dedication to the art of storytelling through their minimalist yet
35 compelling performance, emphasizing the heart of theatrical
36 endeavors and showcasing their imaginative storytelling abilities;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
39 recognize and commend excellence, especially when exemplified in
40 the extraordinary student accomplishments, as evidenced in the
41 success of the Ida B. Wells APAC School Thespian Troupe 4909,
42 which has brought great honor and pride to their school, the City
43 of Jackson and the entire State of Mississippi:



44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
46 commend and congratulate the Ida B. Wells APAC School Thespian
47 Troupe 4909 for their outstanding achievement in winning the
48 Chapter Select Category at the International Thespian Festival,
49 representing the State of Mississippi with excellence in the art
50 of theatre, and extend best wishes to the troupe's continued
51 success in all their future endeavors.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
53 furnished to the Ida B. Wells APAC School Thespian Troupe 4909,
54 their director and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

