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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HATTIESBURG ARTS
2 COUNCIL UPON RECEIVING THE 2000 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE
3 IN THE ARTS COMMUNITY AWARD.

4 WHEREAS, the Hattiesburg Arts Council will receive the 2000
5 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts Community Award on
6 March 17, 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts is
8 a program coordinated by the Mississippi Arts Commission and
9 hosted by Governor and Mrs. Ronnie Musgrove; and

10 WHEREAS, organized in 1970, the Hattiesburg Arts Council
11 embraced challenges of inclusiveness, creating a board of
12 directors that reflected all socioeconomic levels and cultural
13 backgrounds; and

14 WHEREAS, in its first few years, the Hattiesburg Arts Council
15 formed a successful partnership with the Hattiesburg Public
16 Schools, creating beneficial programs for specific groups of
17 children dealing with subjects such as drug education, anger
18 management and environmental issues; and

19 WHEREAS, the Hattiesburg Arts Council, recognizing the
20 importance of taking arts to the people, has worked with the
21 Hattiesburg Public Housing Authority, neighborhood churches,
22 community centers and residents of all ages to provide workshops,
23 concerts and theater performances; and

24 WHEREAS, throughout its 29 year presence in Hattiesburg, the
25 Arts Council has made outstanding contributions to the development
26 of the greater Hattiesburg area by using the arts to address the

27 community's common needs; and

28 WHEREAS, the Hattiesburg Arts Council has a specific goal to
29 complete an artistic vision for Hattiesburg that includes public
30 art and will receive a National Endowment for the Arts grant for
31 cultural assessment:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
34 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
35 Hattiesburg Arts Council upon receiving the 2000 Governor's Awards
36 for Excellence in the Arts Community Award.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
38 furnished to the Hattiesburg Arts Council and to the members of
39 the Capitol Press Corps.