

By: Representative Brown

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. LESTER SENTER ON BEING  
2 NAMED THE 2001 ARTIST'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER OF THE GOVERNOR'S  
3 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS.

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Lester Senter will be honored on February 9,  
5 2001, for being named the 2001 Artist's Achievement Award Winner  
6 of the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Senter began her international performance  
8 career as a mezzo-soprano in 1975 as Marthe in Gounod's Faust with  
9 Orlando Opera opposite Placido Domingo, Beverly Sills and Norman  
10 Triegle; and

11 WHEREAS, other notable performances during her distinguished  
12 career include Leonor of Aquitaine in American composer Carlisle  
13 Floyd's Flower and Hawk on Mississippi ETV, Hermia in Benjamin  
14 Britten's A Midsummer's Night Dream for Iowa ETV and Mrs. Noah in  
15 Britten's Noah's Flood with Opera Grand Rapids; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Senter is a devoted patron of the arts often  
17 serving as a catalyst for the creation of new works and the  
18 discovery and promotion of new talent; and

19 WHEREAS, her community involvement includes serving on the  
20 boards of performing arts organizations in Mississippi and  
21 Louisiana and to performing for thousands of school children in  
22 Mississippi; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Senter served many years as a trustee and is  
24 currently serving as executive director of the prestigious Wideman  
25 Piano Competition, in her native Shreveport, Louisiana, which is  
26 celebrating its 50th anniversary this year; and

27           WHEREAS, Ms. Senter has commissioned and performed the World  
28           Premiers of six works including Beginnings, a song cycle of singer  
29           and orchestra composed by Luigi Zaninelli of The University of  
30           Southern Mississippi and based on Eudora Welty's One Writer's  
31           Beginnings; Renascence by Michael Cave, a musical setting of the  
32           poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay; and most recently, Robinson: The  
33           Cat by Colman Pearce, a setting of Robinson: The Pleasant History  
34           of an unusual Cat by Walter Anderson with which she has toured  
35           Ireland and the South; and

36           WHEREAS, Ms. Senter's many accomplishments includes four  
37           recordings including The Memory is a Living Thing, songs based  
38           upon texts by Eudora Welty; and

39           WHEREAS, Ms. Senter received a doctorate in Music Arts from  
40           the University of Texas in Austin with a double major in voice and  
41           piano and holds a certificate from Mozarteum, Salzburg, Austria;  
42           and

43           WHEREAS, in addition, Ms. Senter has been recognized by the  
44           Junior League of Jackson as one of the Outstanding Women of  
45           Mississippi; and

46           WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
47           and commend outstanding Mississippians such as Ms. Senter, whose  
48           many years of music and entertainment has touched the lives of so  
49           many:

50           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
51           REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
52           THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Ms. Lester Senter for being  
53           named the 2001 Artist's Achievement Award Winner of the Governor's  
54           Awards for Excellence in the Arts and express our best wishes of  
55           success in all her future endeavors.

56           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
57           furnished to Ms. Lester Senter and to the members of the Capitol  
58           Press Corps.