By: Senator(s) Farris, King, White (29th), To: Rules Harvey

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE WILLIAM CAREY 2 COLLEGE THEATRE ON WINNING THE 2002 COLLEGIATE EXCELLENCE IN 3 THEATRE ARTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS.

WHEREAS, William Carey College Theatre (WCC) has a long
tradition of excellence in performance, academics and community
outreach; and

7 WHEREAS, significant national recognition came when WCC began
8 participating in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre
9 Festival (ACTF) in 1995; and

10 WHEREAS, in four of the last five years, WCC has performed at 11 the Region IV Festival (six productions from the ten southeastern 12 states are selected annually). Carey's And David Danced was one 13 of four productions in the United States invited to the Kennedy 14 Center national festival in Washington; and

15 WHEREAS, the playwright, Carey student Jonathan Evans, won 16 the national Jean Kennedy Smith Playwriting Award. In ACTF design 17 competitions WCC students have won four national awards at the 18 Kennedy Center and ten regional prizes; and

19 WHEREAS, WCC Theatre is the first and only American company 20 to perform at the Annual International Theatre Festival in 21 Bratislava, Slovakia; and

22 WHEREAS, the heart of the program is academic achievement; 23 students enjoy a 100% acceptance rate to graduate schools and 24 graduates can be found in professional theatre and in other jobs 25 throughout the country; and

26 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the 27 excellence in the arts evidenced by these scholar-performers, who

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the William Carey College Theatre on winning the 2002 Collegiate Excellence in Theatre Arts Award for the Governor's Excellence in the Arts, and wish the theatre student-performers and faculty success in their future productions.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be 37 presented to the Director of the William Carey College Theatre and 38 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.