

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.

