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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOUIE, BAGNERIS, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, COX, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GLOVER, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, HUNTER, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JORDAN, TERRY LANDRY, LYONS, MARCELLE, DUSTIN MILLER, NORTON, PIERRE, PRICE, AND SMITH AND SENATORS BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, COLOMB, MORRELL, PETERSON, AND TARVER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Ernest James Gaines for his many accomplishments and upon his receipt of the Urban League of Louisiana Equal Opportunity Award

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend Ernest James Gaines, world renowned novelist, short story writer, and teacher,
3	for his many accomplishments and upon his receipt of the Urban League of
4	Louisiana Equal Opportunity Award.
5	WHEREAS, Ernest James Gaines was born in Pointe Coupee Parish; and
6	WHEREAS, because there was no high school for African Americans in his parish
7	at that time, at the age of fifteen, he moved to California, joining his mother and stepfather,
8	to attend high school; and
9	WHEREAS, after his high school graduation and serving his country in the United
0	States Army, Mr. Gaines enrolled at San Francisco State University, where he began
1	publishing stories in the university's quarterly literary journal; and
12	WHEREAS, Mr. Gaines attended graduate school at Stanford University, where he
13	focused on creative writing; and
4	WHEREAS, in 1981, he accepted the position of "writer-in-residence" at the
15	University of Louisiana at Lafayette; and
16	WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Gaines published The Autobiography of Miss Jane
17	Pittman; in 1983, he published A Gathering of Old Men; and in 1999, he published A Lesson
18	Before Dying, which is one of his most critically acclaimed novels; and

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1 WHEREAS, before his retirement in 2004, Mr. Gaines won numerous awards 2 including the Louisiana Humanist of the Year Award, the National Humanities Medal, and 3 a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship; and 4 WHEREAS, he was also made a Chevalier of the French Order of Arts and Letters; 5 and 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Gaines is among the most widely read and highly respected 7 contemporary authors of African American fiction. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 9 commend Ernest James Gaines for his many accomplishments and upon his receipt of the 10 Urban League of Louisiana Equal Opportunity Award; does hereby recognize and record for 11 posterity his exceptional literary achievements; and does hereby extend to him best wishes 12 for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors. 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 14 to Ernest James Gaines.

DIGEST

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