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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 460

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION
2 3-3-32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DESIGNATE "MISSISSIPPI, THE
3 PROMISED LAND" AS THE OFFICIAL STATE BALLAD; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section

7 3-3-32, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 3-3-32. The ballad "Mississippi, The Promised Land," by Paul
9 Robertson and Paul Ott, copyrighted 1969, is hereby designated as
10 the state ballad of Mississippi. The ballad reads as follows:

11 "MISSISSIPPI

12 THE PROMISED LAND

13 You know I've traveled all over this world

14 And I've seen a lot of beautiful places and people

15 But when I'm away

16 My heart always turns toward the most beautiful place

17 And the most beautiful people in the world

18 I call it the Promised Land

19 You know I'm thinking about Mississippi

20 Where the cotton blossoms grow

21 I can see the fields of white

22 Cast a spell that seems just right

23 And in my heart I'll always know
24 There's a cotton blossom moon still shining
25 On my old Mississippi home
26 Fragrant whispers in the breeze
27 From the sweet magnolia trees
28 Seems to haunt me where ever I roam
29 In my dreams I hear the church bell ringing
30 Where my Mother used to kneel and pray
31 There's a cotton blossom miss in Mississippi
32 And pretty soon I'll be heading that way
33 To The Promised Land"

34 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2000.