

By: Montgomery (15th) (By Request)

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1222

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE POEM ENTITLED, "MISSISSIPPI," AS THE  
2 STATE POEM OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 SECTION 1. The following poem, entitled "Mississippi" and  
5 written by Avis Corley Porter, is hereby designated the state poem  
6 of Mississippi:

7 **Mississippi**

8 I'm from Mississippi and I want to make it clear,  
9 It's number one in my heart and the state that I hold dear.  
10 From "Ole Man River" it gets its name,  
11 One of the longest rivers in the world is art of its fame.  
12 The eagle with wings outspread is our state seal,  
13 When we behold it, a great sense of pride we feel.  
14 Four other states share the mockingbird,  
15 At night it sings the sweetest you've ever heard.  
16 To our beautiful flag no harm we would ever do,  
17 We will always be true to the red, white and blue.  
18 Why not come and visit our Magnolia State,  
19 For our Southern Hospitality you no longer have to wait!

20 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
21 and after its passage.