By: Representatives Chism, Moore (60th), To: Appropriations Horne, Robinson (84th), Baker, Barnett (116th), Barbour, Cameron, Creel, Eakes, Ellington, Fillingane, Formby, Howell, Ishee, Janus, Ketchings, Lott, Martinson, Masterson, Montgomery (15th), Montgomery (74th), Moore (100th), Nettles, Nicholson, Read, Rogers, Rotenberry, Rushing, Simpson, Smith (35th), Smith (39th), Snowden, Ward, Weathersby, Wells-Smith, Zuber

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

AN ACT TO CREATE TWO NEW CODE SECTIONS TO BE CODIFIED RESPECTIVELY AS SECTIONS 3-3-15.1 AND 3-3-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REESTABLISH AND DESCRIBE AS THE OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND AS THE OFFICIAL COAT-OF-ARMS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI THAT FLAG AND THAT COAT-OF-ARMS WHICH WERE ESTABLISHED AS THE STATE FLAG AND STATE COAT-OF-ARMS BY CHAPTER 37, LAWS OF 1894; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 9 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 10 3-3-15.1, Mississippi Code of 1972:

3-3-15.1. The flag of the State of Mississippi, as 11 established by Chapter 37, Laws of 1894, is reestablished as the 12 official flag of the State of Mississippi, being more particularly 13 described as follows: The flag of the State of Mississippi shall 14 15 have a width two-thirds (2/3) of its length, with the union square two-thirds (2/3) of the width of the flag. The ground of the 16 union shall be red with a broad blue saltier thereon, bordered 17 with white and emblazoned with thirteen (13) mullets or 18 five-pointed stars, corresponding with the number of the original 19 states of the Union. The field shall be divided into three (3) 20 bars of equal width, the upper one blue, the center one white, and 21 the lower one extending the whole length of the flag, red--the 22 23 national colors. The staff shall be surmounted with a spearhead 24 and a battle-axe below. The flag shall be fringed with gold and the staff gilded with gold. 25

26 SECTION 2. The following shall be codified as Section 27 3-3-16, Mississippi Code of 1972:

<u>3-3-16.</u> The coat-of-arms of the State of Mississippi, as
established by Chapter 37, Laws of 1894, is reestablished as the

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official coat-of-arms of the State of Mississippi, being more 30 particularly described as follows: The coat-of-arms of the State 31 of Mississippi shall be a shield, in color blue, with an eagle 32 33 upon it with extended pinions, holding in the right talon a palm 34 branch and a bundle of arrows in the left talon, with the word "Mississippi" above the eagle. The lettering on the shield and 35 the eagle shall be in gold. Below the shield there shall be two 36 (2) branches of the cotton stalk, saltier wise, as in submitted 37 design, and a scroll below extending upward and on each side 38 three-fourths (3/4) of the length of the shield. Upon the scroll, 39 40 which is to be red, there shall be the motto printed in gold letters upon white spaces, as in design accompanying, the motto to 41 be "Vertute et Armis." 42

43 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from 44 and after its passage.