

By: Representative Moak

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 450

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, 2002.

