

By: Representative Holland

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 834

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3-3-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 SET FORTH THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION THAT CAUSED THE "TEDDY BEAR"  
3 TO BE NAMED MISSISSIPPI'S STATE TOY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 3-3-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 3-3-43. The Teddy Bear is designated the state toy of  
8 Mississippi, in recognition of the Mississippi connection to the  
9 origin of the Teddy Bear. The connection is that on November 14,  
10 1902, during a hunting expedition led by distinguished  
11 Mississippian Holt Collier in Smedes, Mississippi, President  
12 Theodore Roosevelt refused to shoot a small, exhausted black bear.  
13 The shot not fired at a baby bear in the Mississippi Delta became  
14 a great credit to the heroic and sportsmanlike conduct of  
15 President Roosevelt, and because of the President's journey to  
16 Mississippi, the stuffed bear toy was appropriately named the  
17 "Teddy Bear," a positive symbol of love, comfort and joy for  
18 children of all ages.

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

