

By: Representative Moak

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 252

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, 2004.