

By: Representatives Hines, Bailey, Clark,  
Straughter

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 75

1 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2004 AS "FAIR  
2 HOUSING MONTH" IN MISSISSIPPI AND ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS OF  
3 MISSISSIPPI TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST IN MAINTAINING FAIR HOUSING.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is committed to providing  
5 housing options to persons with disabilities and families that  
6 include members who are persons with disabilities to be provided  
7 in the most integrated setting appropriate; and

8 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is further committed to  
9 developing a comprehensive plan to address needs, service options,  
10 opportunities and service settings appropriate for persons with  
11 disabilities and families that include members who are persons  
12 with disabilities so they may participate in community life to the  
13 greatest extent that is possible and that they desire; and

14 WHEREAS, the Institute for Disability Studies at the  
15 University of Southern Mississippi and the Southeast Mississippi  
16 Legal Services, advocate for decent, affordable housing for all  
17 and for elimination of racism and exploitation in housing, have  
18 joined to revitalize discussion, education and outreach regarding  
19 fair housing; and

20 WHEREAS, the Institute for Disability Studies at the  
21 University of Southern Mississippi and the Southeast Mississippi  
22 Legal Services seek to ensure that all members of our community  
23 are aware of and educated about fair housing laws; and

24 WHEREAS, public discussion of fair housing practices and  
25 awareness of laws and regulations regarding fair housing serve to  
26 counter discrimination in housing; and

27           WHEREAS, all residents of this state benefit from fair  
28 housing practices; and

29           WHEREAS, fair housing laws provide the opportunity for all  
30 citizens to reside in decent safe housing, free from  
31 discrimination; and

32           WHEREAS, it is essential that all Mississippians be aware of  
33 the need for and benefits of fair housing practices; and

34           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
35 promote education and awareness of fair housing laws:

36           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we hereby  
38 designate the month of April 2004 as "Fair Housing Month" in  
39 Mississippi and encourage all residents of Mississippi to support  
40 and assist in maintaining fair housing practices throughout this  
41 state.

42           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
43 furnished to the Institute for Disability Studies at the  
44 University of Southern Mississippi and the Southeast Mississippi  
45 Legal Services.