

By: Representative Rogers (61st)

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

1 A RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE ATLANTA BRAVES CLASS AA AFFILIATE  
2 AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO PEARL, MISSISSIPPI, AND COMMENDING  
3 THE ORGANIZATION FOR BREAKING GROUND ON THE TEAM'S NEW STADIUM.

4 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Braves, Major League Baseball's most  
5 successful franchise since 1991, is relocating its Greenville,  
6 South Carolina, Class AA affiliate to the City of Pearl in Rankin  
7 County of the Great State of Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Braves will break ground on the  
9 team's first class stadium in Pearl on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, and  
10 is scheduled to be completed for the first season of the  
11 Mississippi Braves in 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, the brand new 6,000 seat stadium will be a  
13 fan-friendly ballpark with many of the same amenities of major  
14 league ballparks such as private suites, recessed seating, lawn  
15 berm, an open concourse, a restaurant and a fan interactive area;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, representing the Braves organization will be Mike  
18 Plant, Executive Vice President of Business Operations for the  
19 Atlanta Braves; Chip Moore, Vice President and Controller for the  
20 Atlanta Braves; Steve DeSalvo, General Manager for the Class AA  
21 Braves; and Jim Bishop, Assistant General Manager for the Class AA  
22 Braves; and

23 WHEREAS, joining the members of the Braves organization at  
24 the ground breaking ceremonies will be Mississippi Governor Haley  
25 Barbour; Pearl Mayor Jimmy Foster; and Southern League President  
26 Don Mincher; and

27           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
28 welcome outstanding organizations such as the Atlanta Braves, who  
29 have brought America's favorite past time to the State of  
30 Mississippi for fans and families to enjoy for many years to come:

31           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
33 welcome the Atlanta Braves Class AA affiliate and their  
34 representatives, Mike Plant, Chip Moore, Steve DeSalvo, and Jim  
35 Bishop to Pearl, Mississippi; congratulate them on breaking ground  
36 on the team's new stadium; and wish them many years of success in  
37 all their athletic and business endeavors.

38           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
39 furnished to the representatives of the Braves organization, Mike  
40 Plant, Chip Moore, Steve DeSalvo and Jim Bishop, and to the  
41 members of the Capitol Press Corps.