

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Little

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ATLANTA BRAVES FOR RELOCATING
2 THEIR DOUBLE-A AFFILIATE TO PEARL, MISSISSIPPI, AND FOR BREAKING
3 GROUND ON THE TEAM'S NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART STADIUM AND WELCOMING
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRAVES ORGANIZATION TO MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Braves, Major League Baseball's
6 winningest franchise since 1991, is relocating its Greenville,
7 South Carolina Double-A affiliate to Pearl, Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Braves, the Class AA affiliate of
9 the Atlanta Braves beginning in 2005, will break ground on the
10 team's state-of-the-art stadium in Pearl on Tuesday, May 11, 2004,
11 at 12:00 noon CST; and

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

16 WHEREAS, representing the Braves organization, one of the
17 most successful franchises in baseball, will be Mike Plant,
18 Executive Vice President of Business Operations for the Atlanta
19 Braves; Chip Moore, Vice President and Controller for the Atlanta
20 Braves; Steve DeSalvo, General Manager for the Double-A Braves;
21 and Jim Bishop, Assistant General Manager of the Double-A Braves;
22 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:

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
28 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the Atlanta Braves for

29 relocating its Class AA affiliate to Pearl, Mississippi, and
30 breaking ground on the team's new state-of-the-art stadium and
31 welcome the representatives of the Braves organization, Mike
32 Plant, Chip Moore, Steve DeSalvo, and Jim Bishop of Mississippi.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
34 the representatives of the Braves organization, Mike Plant, Chip
35 Moore, Steve DeSalvo, and Jim Bishop of Mississippi, and be made
36 available to the Capital Press Corps.