

By: Representatives Howell, Whittington

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 581

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL'S *HILL*  
2 *FIRE* AS THE FOLK PLAY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED  
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** WHEREAS, *Hill Fire*, a folk play that is sponsored  
6 by the Montgomery County Arts Council, is an innovative play that  
7 has revitalized Montgomery County and surrounding areas through  
8 story-telling and the arts; and

9 WHEREAS, despite an economic down-turn, due to the closings  
10 of textile and small manufacturing firms in the Montgomery County  
11 area, *Hill Fire* has united the community by preserving local  
12 history by using local stories and bringing them to life in the  
13 theater; and

14 WHEREAS, *Hill Fire* represents the renewal of community  
15 spirit, economic development and inspiring folk art throughout the  
16 state;

17 NOW THEREFORE, Montgomery County Arts Council's *Hill Fire* is  
18 designated the state folk play.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
20 and after July 1, 2005.