

By: Representatives Howell, Whittington

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 74

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 WHEREAS, *Hill Fire*, a folk play that is sponsored by the
5 Montgomery County Arts Council, is an innovative play that has
6 revitalized Montgomery County and surrounding areas through
7 storytelling and the arts; and

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

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

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

17 **SECTION 1.** 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, 2006.