

By: Representative Howell

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 2

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, 2007.

