

By: Representative Hines

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS "FAIR HOUSING  
2 MONTH" IN MISSISSIPPI, TO BE OBSERVED ANNUALLY, AND ENCOURAGING  
3 ALL RESIDENTS OF MISSISSIPPI TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST IN MAINTAINING  
4 FAIR HOUSING.

5 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is committed to providing  
6 housing options to persons with disabilities and families that  
7 include members who are persons with disabilities to be provided  
8 in the most integrated setting appropriate; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is further committed to  
10 developing a comprehensive plan to address needs, service options,  
11 opportunities and service settings appropriate for persons with  
12 disabilities and families that include members who are persons  
13 with disabilities so they may participate in community life to the  
14 greatest extent that is possible and that they desire; and

15 WHEREAS, the Institute for Disability Studies at the  
16 University of Southern Mississippi and the Southeast Mississippi  
17 Legal Services, advocates for decent, affordable housing for all  
18 and for elimination of racism and exploitation in housing, have  
19 joined to revitalize discussion, education and outreach regarding  
20 fair housing; and

21 WHEREAS, the Institute for Disability Studies at the  
22 University of Southern Mississippi and the Southeast Mississippi  
23 Legal Services seek to ensure that all members of our community  
24 are aware of and educated about fair housing laws; and

25 WHEREAS, public discussion of fair housing practices and  
26 awareness of laws and regulations regarding fair housing serve to  
27 counter discrimination in housing; and

28           WHEREAS, all residents of this state benefit from fair  
29 housing practices; and

30           WHEREAS, fair housing laws provide the opportunity for all  
31 citizens to reside in decent safe housing, free from  
32 discrimination; and

33           WHEREAS, it is essential that all Mississippians be aware of  
34 the need for and benefits of fair housing practices; and

35           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
36 promote education and awareness of fair housing laws:

37           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
39 designate the month of April as "Fair Housing Month" in  
40 Mississippi, to be observed annually, and encourage all residents  
41 of Mississippi to support and assist in maintaining fair housing  
42 practices throughout this state.

43           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
44 furnished to the Institute for Disability Studies at the  
45 University of Southern Mississippi, Southeast Mississippi Legal  
46 Services and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.