

By: Representative Gipson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MISSISSIPPI'S UNWAVERING COMMITMENT  
2 TO EDUCATION IN THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF MAY 13-17, 2013, AS  
3 MISSISSIPPI HOME EDUCATION WEEK IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is committed to excellence  
5 in education and to public policy that strengthens the family and  
6 society; and

7 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi recognizes parental choice  
8 in pursuit of obtaining and preserving that excellence and the  
9 importance of parental involvement in education; and

10 WHEREAS, in addition to the free public education and  
11 privately offered education available in the state, the State of  
12 Mississippi recognizes home education as an educational  
13 alternative; and

14 WHEREAS, the practice of home education boasts a long and  
15 notable history in our nation, having been the primary mode of  
16 learning when our nation enjoyed its highest level of literacy,  
17 and has produced such respected Americans as George Washington,  
18 Patrick Henry, Abraham Lincoln, Booker T. Washington, Thomas



19 Edison, Pearl S. Buck, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and  
20 Mark Twain; and

21 WHEREAS, the 105th Congress of the United States commended  
22 home education, recognizing it as a valuable part of our nation's  
23 efforts to prepare its youth for the demands of society at the  
24 edge of a new century, and passed legislation protecting the  
25 rights of home-educated graduates who apply for college funding or  
26 enlist in the military; and

27 WHEREAS, home-based classrooms are more common than most  
28 think, and according to a 2007 report from the United States  
29 Department of Education, 1.5 million students, or 2.9 percent of  
30 all school-age children nationwide were educated at home; and

31 WHEREAS, home-educated children have performed well  
32 academically and socially and have demonstrated a commitment to  
33 excellence as citizens, and national studies have shown that a  
34 high percentage of home-educated students go on to obtain advanced  
35 degrees; and

36 WHEREAS, research also finds that home education is an  
37 excellent setting for healthy socialization and effectively  
38 prepares children to successfully contribute to society by  
39 providing students with many opportunities for real-life  
40 activities within their communities, giving them interaction with  
41 persons of many ages and backgrounds and creating a learning  
42 environment where values may be incorporated into the curriculum;  
43 and



44 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives deems it appropriately  
45 fitting and proper that Mississippi home educators and  
46 home-educated children be recognized for their contributions to  
47 the diversity and quality of education in this state:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
49 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
50 recognize Mississippi's unwavering commitment to education,  
51 designate the week of May 13-17, 2013, as Mississippi Home  
52 Education Week, and call its observance to the attention of all  
53 our citizens.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
55 furnished to the State Department of Education and to the members  
56 of the Capitol Press Corps.

