

By: Representative Boyd

To: Tourism

HOUSE BILL NO. 919

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION
2 3-3-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DESIGNATE "MEET MY
3 MISSISSIPPI" AS THE OFFICIAL STATE POEM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
6 3-3-61, Mississippi Code of 1972:

7 3-3-61. The poem "Meet My Mississippi," by Patricia
8 Neely-Dorsey, copyrighted 2013, is designated as the official
9 State Poem of Mississippi. The poem reads as follows:

10 "Faulkner's Sanctuary
11 Eudora's home state
12 Elvis' birthplace
13 The bulk of the Trace;
14 Sprawling beaches
15 Along the Gulf Coast shore
16 One blues man's crossroads
17 And inspiration for more;
18 An abundance of history



19 Tradition and folklore
20 Warm front porch welcomes
21 With a wide open door;
22 A ride down the mighty river
23 On the American Queen
24 And some of the most
25 Beautiful countryside
26 That you've ever seen
27 She's music and melodies
28 And the mockingbird's songs,
29 By valor and arms
30 And faith ever strong;
31 She's magnolias blooming
32 Around Jackson's capitol dome
33 And the sweet scent of honeysuckle
34 That forever says "home"
35 She's My Mississippi
36 She's the "Hospitality State"
37 "Go Mississippi"
38 You're a true State of Grace"

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2018.

