

By: Representative Holland

To: Tourism

HOUSE BILL NO. 1025

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.

