

By: Representative Gibbs (72nd)

To: Tourism

HOUSE BILL NO. 1167

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE "MISSISSIPPI BEAUTIFUL" AS A SONG FOR
2 MISSISSIPPI, WHICH MAY BE SUNG BY ALL MISSISSIPPIANS; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 WHEREAS, it would promote the best interest of the State of
6 Mississippi to have a song that will instill pride in all
7 Mississippians and that will give rise to positive connotations in
8 the minds of all who sing or hear the song; and

9 WHEREAS, the song "Mississippi Beautiful," written by Pam
10 Confer, was debuted at the Mississippi State Capitol on December
11 4, 2017 as a tribute to Mississippi's progress towards unity and
12 harmony among its citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, in honoring Mississippi's overwhelming beauty,
14 comprised of its music, its culture, its food and its people,
15 "Mississippi Beautiful" celebrates the rich history of Mississippi
16 and provides a song for all to sing; and

17 WHEREAS, "Mississippi Beautiful" was dedicated to the opening
18 of the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil



19 Rights Museum on December 9, 2017; and was also dedicated to
20 Mississippi's bicentennial celebration on December 10, 2017; and

21 WHEREAS, most prestigiously, "Mississippi Beautiful" was
22 selected to be permanently featured in "Gallery 8: Where Do We Go
23 From Here" in the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum; and

24 WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to recognize as a song for
25 the State of Mississippi, the lyrics and music of "Mississippi
26 Beautiful," written by Pam Confer, which are:

27 **Verse I**

28 Who are we?

29 What do we stand for?

30 Who are we?

31 Nothing remains the same

32 For we know

33 Even the seasons change

34 Mississippi, who are we?

35 Who are we?

36 How do we claim it?

37 Who are we?

38 We're faces of joy and pain

39 For we know

40 We're more than just a name

41 Mississippi, who are we?

42 **Chorus**

43 I know, you're beautiful, you're beautiful



44 The more that you believe that
45 You're beautiful, you're beautiful
46 That more that you can see that
47 You're beautiful, you're beautiful
48 The moment you believe that
49 You're beautiful, you're beautiful
50 The moment you can see

51 **Verse II**

52 Who are we?
53 How are we living?
54 Who are we?
55 Our legacy is now
56 For we know
57 Our strength, our pride, our power
58 Mississippi, who are we?
59 Who are we?
60 Let's tell our children
61 Who are we?
62 That this is their song to sing
63 For we know
64 That they can do anything
65 Mississippi, who are we?

66 **Chorus**

67 I know, we're beautiful, we're beautiful
68 The more that we believe that



69 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
70 That more that we can see that
71 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
72 The moment we believe that
73 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
74 The moment we can see

75 **Interlude**

76 If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be
77 If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be
78 If you believe, just believe, only believe

79 **Verse III**

80 Who are we?
81 Let's take each moment
82 Who are we?
83 To touch and lift our fellow man
84 For we know
85 No one can love quite like we can
86 Mississippi, who are we?
87 Who are we?
88 Let's use our voices
89 Who are we?
90 To sing above our highest fear
91 For we know
92 A smile can find a way to heal
93 Mississippi, who are we?



94 **Chorus**

95 I know, we're beautiful, we're beautiful

96 The more that we believe that

97 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

98 That more that we can see that

99 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

100 The moment we believe that

101 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

102 The moment we can see

103 **Bridge**

104 It's my Mississippi

105 Short or tall, she loves us all

106 It's my Mississippi

107 You're beautiful, you're beautiful

108 It's my Mississippi

109 This is our light, let's shine it bright

110 It's my Mississippi

111 You're beautiful, you're beautiful

112 **Chorus**

113 I know, we're beautiful, we're beautiful

114 The more that we believe that

115 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

116 That more that we can see that

117 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

118 The moment we believe that



119 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

120 The moment we can see

121 **Ending**

122 (If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be)

123 (If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be)

124 If only you believe that

125 The moment you believe that

126 We will be free to be

127 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

129 **SECTION 1.** The lyrics and music to the song "Mississippi

130 Beautiful," written by Pam Confer, are designated as a song for

131 Mississippi, which may be sung by all Mississippians.

132 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

133 and after July 1, 2018.

