

By: Representative Bell (65th)

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE SUCCESS OF  
2 MONICA THERESA BARNES, "MISSISSIPPI MONICA," AS PRODUCER AND  
3 TALENT BOOKER FOR THE STEVE HARVEY MORNING SHOW.

4 WHEREAS, Jackson, Mississippi, native, Monica Theresa Barnes,  
5 has successfully served more than a decade as the producer and  
6 talent booker for The Steve Harvey Morning Show, the No. 1  
7 syndicated radio show for African-American listeners, having begun  
8 her work with the show in April 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, affectionately known by the morning show crew as  
10 "Mississippi Monica," Ms. Barnes is a 1988 graduate of Callaway  
11 High School who worked for more than 15 years as a mental health  
12 therapist and vocational rehabilitation specialist after receiving  
13 her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of  
14 Southern Mississippi in 1992 and her master's degree in counseling  
15 and rehabilitative services, counseling and vocational  
16 rehabilitation from Jackson State University in 1995; and

17 WHEREAS, after taking a leap of faith, Ms. Barnes decided to  
18 leave the private rehabilitation services sector as a consultant



19 for CorVel Corporation in March 2007, a decision which has since  
20 launched her star power as a quick-study radio producer with a  
21 robust rolodex of the who's who in entertainment and enabled her  
22 to become one of the top talent bookers in the industry; and

23 WHEREAS, initially hired as a grant writer for the Steve  
24 Harvey Foundation, a request by Mr. Harvey for Monica to come into  
25 the daily show to learn the ins and outs of show production, which  
26 led to her serving as assistant producer, and ultimately  
27 positioned her as an ideal choice to be offered the job when the  
28 previous producer left the show to work for BET; and

29 WHEREAS, responsible for the show's daily content,  
30 positioning of sponsored commercials and content from guest  
31 contributors, scheduling all interviews, live broadcasts and  
32 in-studio performances and serving as sales liaison for all on-air  
33 promotions, Ms. Barnes' impeccable communication skills, as well  
34 as her attention to detail through her heightened organizational  
35 skills and efficiency, ensures that each new day's broadcast is  
36 better than the last; and

37 WHEREAS, having produced shows with some of the biggest names  
38 in the entertainment industry from sports figures, political and  
39 social justice activists, musicians and actors of the likes of  
40 Attorney Benjamin Crump, Reverend Al Sharpton, Toni Braxton, Deion  
41 Sanders, Idris Elba, Morris Chestnut, Anthony Anderson, Shemar  
42 Moore, John Legend, Grant Hill and Mary J. Blige, just to name a



43 few, "Mississippi Monica" is making lasting impressions on the  
44 national stage by working her magic behind the scenes; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
46 acknowledge the accomplishments of individuals of such remarkable  
47 caliber as Ms. Barnes, whose drive, ambition and penchant for  
48 success sheds great light upon Mississippi's wealth of talent:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
51 commend and congratulate the success of Monica Theresa Barnes,  
52 "Mississippi Monica," as producer and talent booker for The Steve  
53 Harvey Morning Show, and extend best wishes for continued success  
54 in all of her future endeavors.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
56 furnished to Ms. Monica Theresa Barnes and to the members of the  
57 Capitol Press Corps.

