

By: Senator(s) Dearing

To: Rules

SENATE BILL NO. 2025

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION
2 3-3-51, 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 3-3-51, Mississippi Code of 1972:

7 3-3-51. The poem "Meet My Mississippi," by Patricia
8 Neely-Dorsey, copyrighted 2013, is hereby designated as the State
9 Poem of Mississippi. The poem reads as follows:

10 "MEET MY MISSISSIPPI"
11 William Faulkner's Sanctuary
12 Eudora Welty's home state
13 Elvis Presley's birthplace
14 The bulk of the Natchez Trace;
15 Choctaw Nation native land
16 Rolling hills of the Chickasaw band
17 Sprawling beaches along the Gulf Coast shore
18 One blues man's Crossroads and inspiration for more;



19 Like Albert, B.B., Bukka, Howlin' Wolf
20 Little Milton and Muddy Waters who came to the fore
21 There's farm-raised catfish, Delta tamales, seafood galore
22 And warm front porch welcomes with a wide-open door
23 Creative muse for Barq's Stetson, Peavey, Viking
24 And Henson's famous green frog
25 And "Where The Southern Crosses The Yellow Dog"
26 An abundance of history, tradition and folklore
27 With Ruins of Windsor Vicksburg Battlefield
28 Emerald Mound and Pharr Mounds to explore
29 You'll find an authentic Dentzel carousel merry-go-round
30 Where Jimmie Rodgers fathered a unique country sound
31 She's a ride down the Mighty River on the American Queen
32 And some of the most beautiful countryside that you've ever seen
33 She's music and melodies and the mockingbird's songs,
34 By valor and arms and faith ever strong;
35 She's magnolias blooming around Jackson's capitol dome
36 And the sweet scent of honeysuckle
37 With the buzz of the honeybee
38 And sweet scent of the honeysuckle
39 That forever say "home"
40 Since December 10, 1817
41 Our 20th state
42 "Go Mississippi"
43 The Hospitality State



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Roll On Mississippi

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You're a true State of Grace

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

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and after July 1, 2018.

