

By: Representatives Paden,  
Holland, Williams-Barnes, Sykes

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. ASYA BRANCH UPON BEING CROWNED  
2 MISS MISSISSIPPI 2018.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Asya Branch, formerly Miss Tupelo, was crowned  
4 Miss Mississippi 2018, on Saturday, June 23, 2018, capturing the  
5 No. 1 spot sought after by a competitive field of young ladies who  
6 competed for the coveted title to represent Mississippi in the  
7 2018 Miss America Pageant; and

8 WHEREAS, as a native of Booneville, Mississippi, who grew up  
9 in a faith-based home, Asya attends the University of Mississippi,  
10 majoring in broadcast journalism, and she plans to pursue a Juris  
11 Doctorate degree in law after graduation; and

12 WHEREAS, dedicated to academic excellence, Asya is the  
13 recipient of the Academic Excel Scholarship, and she is a Hall of  
14 Fame, Mississippi Scholar Honor Graduate; and

15 WHEREAS, as Miss Mississippi, Asya will represent the State  
16 of Mississippi at the Miss America Pageant in historic Atlantic  
17 City, New Jersey, on September 9, 2018, where the American  
18 tradition began in 1921; and



19           WHEREAS, Asya's platform is "Empowering Children of  
20 Incarcerated Parents," stating that her father who is incarcerated  
21 is her biggest encourager and supporter and has always steered her  
22 in the direction of success and offered her strength for each step  
23 she has taken in life, and with this as her platform, she wants to  
24 help children of incarcerated parents understand their situation  
25 and rise above it to be empowered to reach their dreams and  
26 aspirations; and

27           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
28 recognize and commend outstanding Mississippians, especially those  
29 such as Ms. Asya Branch, whose devotion to family, unwavering  
30 faith and perseverance has brought honor to her family, her  
31 community and to the Magnolia State:

32           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
34 recognize and commend Ms. Asya Branch for being crowned Miss  
35 Mississippi 2018, and extend sincerest wishes for continued  
36 success in all of her future endeavors.

37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
38 furnished to Ms. Asya Branch and to the members of the Capitol  
39 Press Corps.

