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To: Tourism

HOUSE BILL NO. 589

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 3-3-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO DESIGNATE "MISSISSIPPI BEAUTIFUL" AS THE OFFICIAL STATE
3 SONG; TO REPEAL CHAPTER 654, LAWS OF 1962, WHICH DESIGNATED "GO
4 MISSISSIPPI" AS THE OFFICIAL STATE SONG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 WHEREAS, the promotion of the best interests of the State of
6 Mississippi requires that the state have an officially recognized
7 state song that will instill pride in all Mississippians and that
8 will give rise to positive connotations in the minds of all who
9 sing or hear the official song; and

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

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

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



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

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

WHEREAS, the present official state song has served its
purpose, but is not representative of the quickening pace of the
development of the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to recognize as the official
state song of the State of Mississippi, the lyrics and music of
"Mississippi Beautiful," written by Pam Confer, which are:

Verse I

Who are we?

What do we stand for?

Who are we?

Nothing remains the same

For we know

Even the seasons change

Mississippi, who are we?

Who are we?

How do we claim it?

Who are we?

We're faces of joy and pain

For we know

We're more than just a name



45 Mississippi, who are we?

46 **Chorus**

47 I know, you're beautiful, you're beautiful

48 The more that you believe that

49 You're beautiful, you're beautiful

50 The more that you can see that

51 You're beautiful, you're beautiful

52 The moment you believe that

53 You're beautiful, you're beautiful

54 The moment you can see

55 **Verse II**

56 Who are we?

57 How are we living?

58 Who are we?

59 Our legacy is now

60 For we know

61 Our strength, our pride, our power

62 Mississippi, who are we?

63 Who are we?

64 Let's tell our children

65 Who are we?

66 That this is their song to sing

67 For we know

68 That they can do anything

69 Mississippi, who are we?



70 **Chorus**

71 I know, we're beautiful, we're beautiful
72 The more that we believe that
73 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
74 The more that we can see that
75 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
76 The moment we believe that
77 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
78 The moment we can see

79 **Interlude**

80 If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be
81 If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be
82 If you believe, just believe, only believe

83 **Verse III**

84 Who are we?
85 Let's take each moment
86 Who are we?
87 To touch and lift our fellow man
88 For we know
89 No one can love quite like we can
90 Mississippi, who are we?
91 Who are we?
92 Let's use our voices
93 Who are we?
94 To sing above our highest fear



95 For we know
96 A smile can find a way to heal
97 Mississippi, who are we?

98 **Chorus**

99 I know, we're beautiful, we're beautiful
100 The more that we believe that
101 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
102 The more that we can see that
103 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
104 The moment we believe that
105 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
106 The moment we can see

107 **Bridge**

108 It's my Mississippi
109 Short or tall, she loves us all
110 It's my Mississippi
111 You're beautiful, you're beautiful
112 It's my Mississippi
113 This is our light, let's shine it bright
114 It's my Mississippi
115 You're beautiful, you're beautiful

116 **Chorus**

117 I know, we're beautiful, we're beautiful
118 The more that we believe that
119 We're beautiful, we're beautiful



120 The more that we can see that
121 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
122 The moment we believe that
123 We're beautiful, we're beautiful
124 The moment we can see

125 **Ending**

126 (If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be)
127 (If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be)
128 If only you believe that
129 The moment you believe
130 We will be free to be
131 NOW, THEREFORE,
132 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

133 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
134 3-3-63, Mississippi Code of 1972:

135 3-3-63. The lyrics and music to the song "Mississippi
136 Beautiful," written by Pam Confer, are designated as the official
137 song of the State of Mississippi.

138 **SECTION 2.** Chapter 654, Laws of 1962, which designated "Go
139 Mississippi" as the official song of the State of Mississippi, is
140 repealed.

141 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
142 and after July 1, 2019.

