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To: Tourism

HOUSE BILL NO. 903

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

26 **Verse I**

27 Who are we?

28 What do we stand for?

29 Who are we?

30 Nothing remains the same

31 For we know

32 Even the seasons change

33 Mississippi, who are we?

34 Who are we?

35 How do we claim it?

36 Who are we?

37 We're faces of joy and pain

38 For we know

39 We're more than just a name

40 Mississippi, who are we?

41 **Chorus**

42 I know, you're beautiful, you're beautiful



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

50 **Verse II**

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

65 **Chorus**

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



68 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

69 The more that we can see that

70 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

71 The moment we believe that

72 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

73 The moment we can see

74 **Interlude**

75 If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be

76 If you believe, we will see, and together we'll be

77 If you believe, just believe, only believe

78 **Verse III**

79 Who are we?

80 Let's take each moment

81 Who are we?

82 To touch and lift our fellow man

83 For we know

84 No one can love quite like we can

85 Mississippi, who are we?

86 Who are we?

87 Let's use our voices

88 Who are we?

89 To sing above our highest fear

90 For we know

91 A smile can find a way to heal

92 Mississippi, who are we?



93 **Chorus**

94 I know, we're beautiful, we're beautiful

95 The more that we believe that

96 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

97 The more that we can see that

98 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

99 The moment we believe that

100 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

101 The moment we can see

102 **Bridge**

103 It's my Mississippi

104 Short or tall, she loves us all

105 It's my Mississippi

106 You're beautiful, you're beautiful

107 It's my Mississippi

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

109 It's my Mississippi

110 You're beautiful, you're beautiful

111 **Chorus**

112 I know, we're beautiful, we're beautiful

113 The more that we believe that

114 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

115 The more that we can see that

116 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

117 The moment we believe that



118 We're beautiful, we're beautiful

119 The moment we can see

120 **Ending**

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

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

123 If only you believe that

124 The moment you believe

125 We will be free to be

126 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

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

130 Mississippi, which may be sung by all Mississippians.

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

132 and after July 1, 2019.

