

By: Representatives Paden, Mettetal

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
2 THE DELTA BLUES MUSEUM IN CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXTENDING
3 BEST WISHES FROM THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, located at the intersection of Highway 61 ("The
5 Blues Highway") and Highway 49 in Clarksdale, Mississippi, the
6 location where the legend Blues Musician Robert Johnson sold his
7 soul to the Devil for the ability to play a mean guitar, and
8 formally known as "The Crossroads," "the land where the Blues
9 began," is where the Mississippi Delta Blues Museum sits in all
10 its melodic and historic majesty, which celebrates the observance
11 of its 40th anniversary in 2019; and

12 WHEREAS, established in 1979 by the Carnegie Public Library
13 Board of Trustees and reorganized as a stand-alone museum in 1999,
14 the Delta Blues Museum, Mississippi's oldest music museum, is
15 dedicated to educating all who enter its hallowed halls through
16 the preserving, interpreting and exploring the history and
17 heritage of the American musical art form known as the Blues; and



18 WHEREAS, housed, since 1999, in the historic Clarksdale
19 freight depot, which was constructed in 1918 for the Yazoo and
20 Mississippi Valley Railroad and dedicated a Mississippi Landmark
21 by the Department of Archives and History in 1996, the museum
22 spans 7,000 square feet of ground space devoted to permanent and
23 traveling exhibits; and

24 WHEREAS, a 2013 recipient of the Institute of Museum and
25 Library Services National Medal for Museum and Library Services,
26 the nation's highest honor for museum and library service to the
27 community and a 2014 winner of the National Arts and Humanities
28 Youth Program Award, the Delta Blues Museum is honored to be a
29 Great River Road Interpretive Center; and

30 WHEREAS, the Delta Blues Museum celebrates the museum's 40th
31 anniversary on January 31, 2019, featuring special performances
32 from several highly acclaimed musical acts from around the state;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature that we join
35 the Mississippi Blues community in recognizing the musical legacy
36 which is presented in this outstanding museum:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
38 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
39 THEREIN, That we do hereby celebrate the 40th anniversary of the
40 Delta Blues Museum in Clarksdale, Mississippi, and extend best
41 wishes from the Legislature.



42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
43 furnished to the Executive Director of the Delta Blues Museum, the
44 Delta Blues Foundation, the Mississippi Arts Commission and to the
45 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

