

By: Representative White

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND  
2 MISSISSIPPI, EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE SUCCESSFUL  
3 RELATIONSHIP AND WELCOMING CONSUL GENERAL DR. SWATI VIJAY KULKARNI  
4 TO OUR GREAT STATE.

5 WHEREAS, India is Mississippi's 19th largest export market,  
6 with the value of Mississippi's exports to India having grown by  
7 approximately 30%; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2017, the State of Mississippi hosted its  
9 first-ever trade mission to India under the leadership of Governor  
10 Phil Bryant, where he was accompanied by prominent Mississippi  
11 business leaders, as well as government officials, such as Glenn  
12 McCullough Jr., the Executive Director of the Mississippi  
13 Development Authority, and Andy Gipson, the Mississippi  
14 Agriculture Commissioner.

15 WHEREAS, in honor of this valuable business partnership, the  
16 Consul General of India in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Swati Vijay  
17 Kulkarni, is visiting the State of Mississippi to nurture  
18 continued trade relations with our state; and



19 WHEREAS, Consul General Kulkarni was appointed to her current  
20 position in India in May of 2018, as the first woman to be  
21 appointed to the post in Atlanta; and

22 WHEREAS, she is a career diplomat who joined the Indian  
23 Foreign Service in 1995, and holds two degrees, a Bachelor of  
24 Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery from the Government Medical  
25 College, Nagpur, in India; and

26 WHEREAS, in 2018, as testament to our continued efforts to  
27 increase trade relations with India, Mississippi proudly produced  
28 and shipped genuine Mississippi poultry to India; and

29 WHEREAS, according to national reports, India is projected to  
30 be the largest country in the world by population within the next  
31 decade; and

32 WHEREAS, India's tremendous potential growth will undoubtedly  
33 lead to more opportunities for collaboration, and it is important  
34 that our state not only maintain, but improve relations between us  
35 and India; and

36 WHEREAS, Mississippi leads the United States in exporting  
37 tanning and dye extracts to India, is the 8th largest exporter of  
38 mineral fuels to India, largely due to petroleum coke exports, and  
39 is the 10th largest exporter of medical instruments to India, with  
40 the majority of exports being diagnostic and surgical devices as  
41 well as artificial joints and parts; and



42 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
43 honor business relationships with other countries that have  
44 produced successful trade relations:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
47 honor the trade relations between India and Mississippi, express  
48 our appreciation for the successful relationship and welcome  
49 Consul General Dr. Swati Vijay Kulkarni to our great state.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
51 furnished to India's Consul General Dr. Swati Vijay Kulkarni and  
52 to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

