

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Frazier, Jackson
(32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

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; and

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 our relations with
35 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 Senate to honor business
43 relationships with other countries that have produced successful
44 trade relations:

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

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

