

By: Representatives Roberson, Taylor

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI-BASED  
2 COMPANY GLO AND ITS FOUNDERS, MS. ANNA BARKER AND MR. HAGAN  
3 WALKER, FOR GENERATING POSITIVE ATTENTION FOR THE STATE OF  
4 MISSISSIPPI THROUGH THEIR VISION, CREATIVITY, PHILANTHROPY AND  
5 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.

6 WHEREAS, founded in 2015, in Starkville, Mississippi, by  
7 Mississippi State University graduates Ms. Anna Barker and  
8 Mr. Hagan Walker, Glo creates products that spark imagination and  
9 fun by intersecting light, liquid and learning; and

10 WHEREAS, within a few years, Glo became a leading innovator  
11 in children's sensory toys with the introduction of Glo Pals  
12 light-up bath toys, which were inspired by a child with autism who  
13 overcame his fear of water with the help of Glo's light-up  
14 technology; and

15 WHEREAS, since 2015, Glo has sold more than 3 million  
16 products to customers in nearly 40 countries while donating a  
17 portion of profits to the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children, a  
18 part of Children's of Mississippi in Jackson, Mississippi; and



19 WHEREAS, outstandingly, Glo has teamed with Sesame Workshop,  
20 the nonprofit media and educational organization behind Sesame  
21 Street, to introduce Glo Pals toys based on beloved Sesame Street  
22 characters Julia, a Muppet with autism, and the iconic Muppet,  
23 Elmo; and

24 WHEREAS, Julia and Elmo Glo Pals will debut in April 2021,  
25 during National Autism Acceptance Month as part of the "Sesame  
26 Street and Autism: See Amazing in All Children" initiative; and

27 WHEREAS, the new Sesame Street Glo Pals shine a colorful  
28 light on the legacy of Mississippi's own Jim Henson, whose beloved  
29 Muppets help fill the world with joy, laughter, compassion and a  
30 love for learning; and

31 WHEREAS, Ms. Barker and Mr. Walker have chosen to invest in  
32 the future of Mississippi by growing their business in Starkville  
33 and contributing to downtown revitalization and the community's  
34 economic development and entrepreneurial growth, as they partnered  
35 in the renovation of the Rex Theater, a historic building in  
36 downtown Starkville that had stood dark and vacant for decades and  
37 now serves as headquarters for Glo; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
39 honor Mississippians, such as Ms. Anna Barker and Mr. Hagan  
40 Walker, who are committed to improving the lives and health of  
41 children and families while helping build a brighter future for  
42 Mississippi:



43           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
45 commend the vision, creativity, philanthropy and community  
46 leadership of Glo, and its founders, Ms. Anna Barker and Mr. Hagan  
47 Walker, as they embark on an exciting new partnership with Sesame  
48 Workshop in April 2021, during National Autism Acceptance Month  
49 and wish them continued success in their entrepreneurial  
50 endeavors, as they help to improve the lives of families and  
51 children across Mississippi and beyond.

52           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
53 furnished to Ms. Anna Barker and Mr. Hagan Walker, and to the  
54 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

