

By: Representative Faulkner

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

1 A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND HONORING THE IMPECCABLE  
2 ARTISTRY, CRAFTSMANSHIP, TALENT AND IMPACTFUL CONTRIBUTIONS OF IDA  
3 B. WELLS UPON HER INDUCTION INTO THE 2022 CLASS OF THE MISSISSIPPI  
4 ARTS + ENTERTAINMENT EXPERIENCE HALL OF FAME.

5 WHEREAS, given the rich history of successes of the great  
6 Magnolia State's native sons and daughters, who have become  
7 shining ambassadors of the state's wealth of artistic, musical,  
8 literary and silver-screen talents, very little mystery remains to  
9 the validity that Mississippi is a place where legends are born  
10 and dreams become reality; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2001, the Mississippi Legislature, by virtue of  
12 Senate Bill No. 2666, provided for the creation of an educational,  
13 entertaining and interactive facility in Meridian, which  
14 materialized in the establishment of the Mississippi Arts +  
15 Entertainment Experience (The MAX), which tells the stories of all  
16 of Mississippi's arts and entertainment icons; and

17 WHEREAS, in homage to the enduring impact of the state's  
18 creative legacy, The MAX initiated the Mississippi Hall of Fame in  
19 January 2017, with an inaugural class of 18 inductees, and in



20 keeping with the tradition of honoring the influential men and  
21 women who trace their roots to Mississippi and represent the best  
22 of Mississippi's talents, The MAX has deemed it fitting to induct  
23 Ida B. Wells into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts +  
24 Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame; and

25 WHEREAS, Ida B. Wells is a prominent figure from  
26 Mississippi's late 19th century and early 20th century legacies in  
27 the writing field, specifically, advocacy journalism, and as a  
28 skilled writer, she used her skills to shed light on the  
29 conditions of African Americans throughout the South; and

30 WHEREAS, a native of Holly Springs, Mississippi, Ida B. Wells  
31 became a courageous figure as an African-American female  
32 journalist who advocated against the cruel and unjust treatment of  
33 African Americans and specifically shined a light on the horrific  
34 practice of lynching; and

35 WHEREAS, after the lynching of one of her friends, Ida B.  
36 Wells turned her attention to white mob violence because she had  
37 become skeptical about the reasons African-American men were  
38 lynched and set out to investigate several cases, and she  
39 published her findings in a pamphlet and wrote several columns in  
40 local newspapers, but her expose´ about an 1892 lynching enraged  
41 locals, who burned her press and drove her from Memphis, and after  
42 a few months, the threats became so bad she was forced to move to  
43 Chicago, Illinois; and



44 WHEREAS, despite the threats and risks she faced, Ida B.  
45 Wells continued to fight against lynching and advocate for women's  
46 suffrage and the fair treatment of African Americans, and she  
47 played a lead role in the establishment of the NAACP and women's  
48 rights organizations, and for her work, she received a Pulitzer  
49 Special Citation in 2020; and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
51 honor the diverse mix of creative legends from across the State of  
52 Mississippi whose contributions to the betterment of society  
53 bestow great pride and esteem upon all Mississippians:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
56 acknowledge and honor the impeccable artistry, craftsmanship,  
57 talent and impactful contributions of Ida B. Wells upon her  
58 induction into the 2022 Class of Mississippi Arts + Entertainment  
59 Experience Hall of Fame on December 15, 2022.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
61 furnished to The MAX and to the members of the Capitol Press  
62 Corps.

