

By: Representatives Creekmore IV, Currie

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MISSISSIPPI  
2 FILM OFFICE WITHIN THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY UPON ITS  
3 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION.

4 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Film Commission, created on January  
5 17, 1973, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary commemoration  
6 on January 17, 2023; and

7 WHEREAS, the significance of the film industry resulted in  
8 the promotion of the commission's evolution to become the  
9 Mississippi Film Office as part of the Mississippi Department of  
10 Economic Development (now the Mississippi Development Authority)  
11 in 1980, allowing the work of the office to provide a public  
12 relations impact on global awareness of Mississippi as a tourism  
13 and professional destination; and

14 WHEREAS, the film industry extending back to 1916 has been a  
15 significant measure of Mississippi's global reputation, with the  
16 Mississippi Film Office expanding that impact beginning with  
17 Robert Altman's film *Thieves Like Us* in 1973, and today having  
18 supported the production of more than 200 feature films, 29



19 television movies, 65 documentaries, 25 television series, along  
20 with countless individual episodes of television programs, short  
21 films, commercial productions, and music videos in Mississippi  
22 under the leadership of directors Walterine Odom, Senator John  
23 Horhn, Ward Emling, and Nina Parikh; and

24 WHEREAS, the remarkable list of Mississippi authors and  
25 literary artists such as Larry Brown, William Faulkner, John  
26 Grisham, Beth Henley, Willie Morris, Thomas Hal Phillips, Kathryn  
27 Stockett, Eudora Welty, and Tennessee Williams have allowed film  
28 and television productions to highlight Mississippi's  
29 contributions to the arts, history, literature, medicine, and  
30 STEM, along with the legacy of noteworthy public figures such as  
31 David Sheffield, Fannie Lou Hamer, Cassandra Wilson, Jessie Mae  
32 Hemphill, Medgar Evers, Emmett Till, James Meredith, Beah  
33 Richards, Mamie Till-Mobley, Robert Johnson, Dr. James Hardy, and  
34 Elvis Presley; and

35 WHEREAS, with the support of the Mississippi Film Office,  
36 local communities, venues and the natural beauty of the Magnolia  
37 State have served as film locations from historic Natchez to the  
38 farmlands of the Delta, from the capital city of Jackson to the  
39 beaches and casinos of the Gulf Coast, from the town square of  
40 Oxford to Meridian, affectionately the railroad town Queen City;  
41 and

42 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Film Office is a key resource for  
43 film productions to take advantage of the Mississippi Motion



44 Picture Incentive Program, a state initiative that provides a cash  
45 rebate for spending on completed projects that have invested a  
46 minimum of \$50,000 on Mississippi-based vendors, companies and  
47 cast and crew payroll, inspiring future productions to bring their  
48 business to Mississippi; and

49 WHEREAS, film production in Mississippi has accounted for  
50 more than \$575 million in direct expenditure since the creation of  
51 the Mississippi Film Office, along with associated payments to  
52 local vendors and professionals; and

53 WHEREAS, organizational leadership in the Association of Film  
54 Commissioners International from past director Ward Emling and  
55 current director Nina Parikh has greatly enhanced the  
56 international reputation of Mississippi as a professional setting  
57 for global film production; and

58 WHEREAS, on location film production has brought to  
59 Mississippi such luminaries as Elijah Wood (*Adventures of Huck*  
60 *Finn*); Claude Jarman, Jr., (*Intruder in the Dust*); Carroll Baker  
61 (*Baby Doll*); Tom East (*Huckleberry Finn '74*); George Hamilton  
62 (*Home from the Hill*); Robert Redford (*This Property Is Condemned*);  
63 Mitch Vogel (*The Reivers*); Diane Ladd (*The Reivers* and *Wild at*  
64 *Heart*); Robert Duvall (*Tomorrow*); Keith Carradine (*Thieves Like*  
65 *Us*); Shelley Duvall (*Thieves Like Us*); Tom Skerritt (*Thieves Like*  
66 *Us*); Robby Benson (*Ode to Billy Joe*); Glynnis O'Connor (*Ode to*  
67 *Billy Joe* and *The Historian*); Morgan Freeman (*Roll of Thunder Hear*  
68 *My Cry, Vanquish, Paradise Highway, Jakob's Wife* and *The Minute*



69 *You Wake Up Dead*); Gerald McRaney (*The Brain Machine, Blind*  
70 *Vengeance*); Kris Kristofferson (*Freedom Road*); Tommy Lee Jones  
71 (*Barn Burning, The Client and Double Jeopardy*); Ralph Macchio  
72 (*Crossroads*); Gene Hackman (*Mississippi Burning and The Chamber*);  
73 Willem Dafoe (*Mississippi Burning, The Card Counter and Wild at*  
74 *Heart*); Frances McDormand (*Mississippi Burning*); Holly Hunter  
75 (*Miss Firecracker, Strange Weather and O Brother Where Art Thou?*);  
76 Mary Steenburgen (*Miss Firecracker and The Help*); Tim Robbins  
77 (*Miss Firecracker*); Alfre Woodward (*Miss Firecracker, Freedom*  
78 *Road, The Gun in Betty Lou's Handbag and Mississippi Grind*); Ally  
79 Sheedy (*Heart of Dixie*); Virginia Madsen (*Heart of Dixie and*  
80 *Ghosts of Mississippi*); Denzel Washington (*Mississippi Masala*);  
81 Sarita Choudhury (*Mississippi Masala*); Charles S. Dutton  
82 (*Mississippi Masala, A Time to Kill and Cookie's Fortune*); William  
83 Forsythe (*Stone Cold, The Hollow and The Gun in Betty Lou's*  
84 *Handbag*); Courtney B. Vance (*Adventures of Huck Finn and Cookie's*  
85 *Fortune*); Ron Perlman (*Adventures of Huck Finn and Joe Baby*);  
86 Penelope Ann Miller (*The Gun in Betty Lou's Handbag and Murder at*  
87 *Hollow Creek*); Julianne Moore (*The Gun in Betty Lou's Handbag and*  
88 *Cookie's Fortune*); Matthew McConaughey (*A Time to Kill*); Sandra  
89 Bullock (*A Time to Kill*); Samuel L. Jackson (*A Time to Kill and*  
90 *Black Snake Moan*); Ashley Judd (*A Time to Kill, Double Jeopardy*);  
91 Tonia Stewart (*A Time to Kill, Mississippi Burning, Same Kind of*  
92 *Different As Me, Nightmare in Badham County, Minstrel Man and Roll*  
93 *of Thunder Hear My Cry*); Whoopi Goldberg (*Ghosts of Mississippi*);



94 Chris O'Donnell (*The Chamber* and *Cookie's Fortune*); Faye Dunaway  
95 (*The Chamber*); Frankie Muniz (*My Dog Skip*); Kevin Bacon (*My Dog*  
96 *Skip*); Diane Lane (*My Dog Skip*); Harvey Keitel (*Finding Graceland*,  
97 *Hard Matter* and *Joe Baby*); Glenn Close (*Cookie's Fortune*); Beth  
98 Grant (*The Rising Place*, *As I Lay Dying* and *A Time to Kill*);  
99 George Clooney (*O Brother Where Art Thou?*); John Turturro (*O*  
100 *Brother Where Art Thou?*); Tim Blake Nelson (*O Brother Where Art*  
101 *Thou?*, *As I Lay Dying* and *The Sound and the Fury*); John Goodman (*O*  
102 *Brother Where Art Thou?*); Viola Davis (*The Help* and *Get On Up*);  
103 Octavia Spencer (*The Help*, *Ma*, *A Time to Kill* and *Get On Up*);  
104 Jessica Chastain (*The Help*); Allison Janney (*The Help*, *Breaking*  
105 *News in Yuba County* and *Ma*); Anna Camp (*The Help* and *From Black*);  
106 Aunjanue Ellis (*The Help*, *Get On Up* and *John John in the Sky*);  
107 James Franco (*As I Lay Dying* and *The Sound and the Fury*); Margo  
108 Martindale (*The Hollars* and *Ghosts of Mississippi*); John Schneider  
109 (*A Gift Horse* and *Mysterious Circumstance*); Dan Aykroyd (*Get On*  
110 *Up*); Craig Robinson (*Get On Up*); William Sadler (*The Duel*, *The*  
111 *Hollow* and *The Historian*); Woody Harrelson (*The Duel*); Liam  
112 Hemsworth (*The Duel*); Kim Coates (*Strange Weather* and *Sweating*  
113 *Bullets*); Dolph Lundgren (*Shark Lake* and *Don't Kill It*); Wes Brown  
114 (*Nanny Seduction* and *Every Time a Bell Rings*); Nicolas Cage (*Wild*  
115 *at Heart* and *Arsenal*); John Cusack (*Arsenal*); Adrian Grenier  
116 (*Arsenal*); Jason Patric (*MK Ultra* and *Murder at Hollow Creek*);  
117 Peter Stormare (*Muti*, *Kill 'Em All* and *Hard Matter*) Ben and Erin  
118 Napier (*Home Town*); Barbara Crampton (*Jakob's Wife* and *A Suitable*



119 *Flesh*); Jeremy Pope (*The Inspection*); Gabrielle Union (*The*  
120 *Inspection*); Emile Hirsch (*Son and Devil's Workshop*); Cole Hauser  
121 (*Muti* and *TMYWUD*); Oscar Isaac (*The Card Counter*); Adrienne Warren  
122 (*Women of the Movement*); Tyrese Gibson (*The System* and *Hard*  
123 *Matter*); Frank Grillo (*Paradise Highway* and *A Day to Die*);  
124 Juliette Binoche (*Paradise Highway*); Jeremy London, Jason London  
125 and Mickey Rourke (*Hunt Club*); Ryan Kwanten (*Glorious*); and

126 WHEREAS, Mississippi productions continue to attract the  
127 talent and investment of recognized filmmakers such as Paul  
128 Schrader, Joel and Ethan Coen, Elegance Bratton, Mira Nair, Rob  
129 Reiner, Wim Wenders, Charles Burnett, Effie Brown, Gina  
130 Price-Bythewood, Tina Mabry, Julie Dash, Kasi Lemmons, Joel  
131 Shumacher, John Krasinski, Patrik-Ian Polk, James Franco, Tate  
132 Taylor, Alan Parker, Michael Mann, Jay Russell, Robert Altman,  
133 Walter Hill, Sydney Pollack, Arliss Howard, Vincente Minelli, John  
134 Ford, Albert Maysles, Martha Coolidge, Louis Malle, Sydney  
135 Pollack, Mark Rydell, George Sidney and James Mangold; and

136 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
137 acknowledge excellence in action and superior ambassadorship when  
138 exemplified in the service and compelling global attraction the  
139 Mississippi Film Office produces through its unwavering efforts to  
140 enhance Mississippi's draw as a leading film market:

141 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
142 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby



143 commend and congratulate the Mississippi Film Office upon the  
144 celebration of its 50th year anniversary.

145 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
146 furnished to Nina Parikh on behalf of the Mississippi Film Office  
147 as its director and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

