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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.

