

By: Representative Roberson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE MISSISSIPPI HORSE
2 PARK FOR RECEIVING THE 2022 JUSTIN BOOTS BEST FOOTING AWARD FOR
3 THE SOUTHEASTERN CIRCUIT.

4 WHEREAS, set atop the rolling hills, the Mississippi Horse
5 Park is a beautiful 100 acre facility that is located just south
6 of the Mississippi State University (MSU) main campus; and

7 WHEREAS, the park, which is a division of the MSU Extension
8 Service, is part of a three part partnership with Mississippi
9 State University, the City of Starkville and Oktibbeha County, and
10 it is dedicated to supporting weekly labs and classes taught
11 through the university, as well as providing unprecedented
12 entertainment and service for exhibitors and spectators, hosting
13 an average of 40 events each year, with over 40,000 people
14 entering its gates each year; and

15 WHEREAS, last year, the Mississippi Horse Park was honored
16 with the prestigious Justin Boots Best Footing Award for the
17 Southeastern Circuit by the Women's Professional Rodeo Association
18 (WPRA) for the 2022 Rotary Rodeo; and



19 WHEREAS, since the early 1990s, the WPRA and Justin Brands
20 have honored rodeo committees in each of the 12 circuits with the
21 Justin Best Footing Awards, which recognizes the hard work and
22 time that rodeo committees put into making their ground as
23 consistent and safe as possible for the animal athletes of rodeo;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, nine states in the Southeastern Circuit and over 70
26 rodeos were considered for this award, and in December 2022, Ms.
27 Bricklee Miller, Director of the Mississippi Horse Park, accepted
28 this outstanding honor at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas,
29 Nevada; and

30 WHEREAS, this distinguished award is determined by votes from
31 the WPRA membership and circuit directors, and represents the
32 members' voices saying "thank you" to rodeo committees who have
33 gone above and beyond to ensure safe ground conditions, allowing
34 the horsepower in the WPRA to run at an elite level; and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
36 recognize outstanding Mississippi facilities, especially those
37 such as the Mississippi Horse Park, whose service and dedication
38 to providing safe ground conditions brings honor to the State of
39 Mississippi:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
42 recognize and commend the Mississippi Horse Park for receiving the
43 Justin Boots Best Footing Award for the Southeastern Circuit by



44 the Women's Professional Rodeo Association for the 2022 Rotary
45 Rodeo, and extend best wishes for continued success in all its
46 future endeavors.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
48 furnished to the Mississippi Horse Park, and to the members of the
49 Capitol Press Corps.

