

By: Representative Miles

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 200

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MR. ANDRE HOLLIS FOR
2 THE 25 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND MERITORIOUS LEADERSHIP
3 THAT HE HAS PROVIDED TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PARKS.

4 WHEREAS, for over 25 years, Mr. Andre Hollis has served as an
5 exemplary public servant for the State of Mississippi through his
6 career with the Mississippi State Parks; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis is a 1992 graduate of Morton High School,
8 where he played baseball, football and basketball, and he earned
9 an athletic scholarship to the University of Mississippi, where he
10 played football and became a member of the 1992 Liberty Bowl
11 champions, and after graduation, became a member of the Ole Miss
12 M-Club; and

13 WHEREAS, after returning to his hometown of Morton, Mr.
14 Hollis had a chance encounter at his local grocery store with a
15 familiar face, Mr. Latrelle Ashley, who was the director of the
16 Mississippi State Parks at the time, and Mr. Hollis remembered
17 that Mr. Ashley was the announcer during his football career at
18 Morton High School; and



19 WHEREAS, as a result of the bump-in, Mr. Hollis officially
20 began his career with the Mississippi State Parks on August 1,
21 1997, and since that day, he has exponentially benefitted the
22 Mississippi State Parks with his attention to detail, dedicated
23 service, unparalleled work ethic and remarkable leadership skills;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis has served in several roles within the
26 park system, including park ranger, manager, park administrator
27 and director of operations, and in 2022, he became the first
28 African-American director of the Mississippi State Parks; and

29 WHEREAS, additionally, Mr. Hollis is a certified law
30 enforcement officer for the Mississippi Department of Wildlife
31 Fisheries and Parks, and he serves as the manager of Roosevelt
32 State Park, which has won numerous state and national awards; and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis, along with Representative Tom Miles,
34 founded Friends of Roosevelt State Park to help promote Roosevelt
35 State Park and bring activities back to his local hometown of
36 Morton; and

37 WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis's mindset is to never forget where he
38 came from, and because he dreamed of coming back home to give back
39 to his community, he currently serves as an assistant coach for
40 the Panthers High School Football Team, and in 2015, he was
41 selected to be a member of the inaugural class of the Scott County
42 Sports Hall of Fame; and



43 WHEREAS, he is also an active member of Pilgrim Rest
44 Missionary Baptist Church, a board member of Legacy Education and
45 Community Empowerment Foundation and Save Our Youth Organization,
46 a founder of Sixth Man mentoring group, a member of Healthy
47 Hometown Committee and Bound to Excel mentoring group, a volunteer
48 and torch carrier for the Special Olympics, which were held at
49 Morton High School, and a past board member of the Excel Community
50 Learning Center; and

51 WHEREAS, Mr. Hollis is the son of Oneida Laster and the late
52 Bobby Ray Hollis, and he is married to Anitra Hollis, and they
53 have two children, Andrea and Christian; and

54 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
55 recognize and commend the steadfast devotion to the betterment of
56 Mississippi and honor the ardent vow to impeccable public service
57 that Mr. Andre Hollis has bestowed upon the citizens of
58 Mississippi as the director of the Mississippi State Parks:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
61 recognize and commend Mr. Andre Hollis for the 25 years of
62 distinguished service and meritorious leadership that he has
63 provided to the Mississippi State Parks and extend sincere wishes
64 for continued success in all his future endeavors.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
66 furnished to Mr. Andre Hollis and to the members of the Capitol
67 Press Corps.

