

By: Senator(s) Branning, Butler (38th),  
McCaughn, Thomas, Simmons (12th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 566

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE LAST WEEKEND IN  
2 OCTOBER 2023 AS "HONOR YOUR HOMETOWN WEEKEND IN MISSISSIPPI" TO  
3 BRING ATTENTION TO RURAL COMMUNITIES AS THE CULTURAL CENTER OF OUR  
4 STATE AND TO MEMORIALIZE THE U.S. CONGRESS TO DESIGNATE A  
5 "NATIONAL HOMETOWN WEEKEND".

6 WHEREAS, the strength of America lies in the millions of  
7 Hometowns, both large and small, that make up our great nation;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, across the State of Mississippi, Hometowns are the  
10 fabric that weave us all together and imbue in us the qualities  
11 that make us all Mississippians; and

12 WHEREAS, many Mississippians were born and raised in a  
13 Hometown that possesses unique qualities and characteristics that  
14 shape the soul and spirit of all those who call it home; and

15 WHEREAS, the common experiences and bonds that we shared as  
16 we grew up in our Hometowns will forever be a part of us  
17 regardless of what corner of the globe we may inhabit; and



18 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we recognize the countless  
19 contributions that our Hometowns have made to our lives and the  
20 State of Mississippi; and

21 WHEREAS, every citizen, business, cultural center,  
22 educational institution, veteran, civic and fraternal club in each  
23 Hometown should have the opportunity to reflect on the common  
24 bonds and values that unite all Mississippians and outweigh  
25 whatever differences we might have; and

26 WHEREAS, America celebrates "Mothers Day" and "Fathers Day"  
27 on a designated Sunday each year and a similar designation of a  
28 "Hometown Weekend" would encourage communities to plan homecomings  
29 and allow families to schedule trips to their home; and

30 WHEREAS, in the words of legendary Mississippian Marty  
31 Stuart: "Although it feels like we have honorary days for  
32 seemingly everything in America, there is no national tradition  
33 for honoring our Hometowns. It's a void that needs to be filled.  
34 Our Hometowns are where we bond as neighbors, friends, and  
35 Americans. They are what bring us together."

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
38 we do hereby designate the last weekend in October 2023 as "Honor  
39 Your Hometown Weekend in Mississippi" to bring attention to rural  
40 communities as the cultural center of our state.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we do hereby memorialize members  
42 of the United States Congress to designate an appropriate weekend



43 as a "National Hometown Weekend" for the reasons set forth in this  
44 resolution.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted  
46 to the Secretary of State and the Mississippi Division of Tourism  
47 for proper distribution to the citizens and business community of  
48 our state, and be transmitted to the members of Mississippi's  
49 Congressional delegation.

