

By: Senator(s) Robinson, Blount, McCaughn,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 128

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MISSISSIPPI
2 CHILDREN'S MUSEUM (MCM) FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE THIRD-BEST
3 CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN THE COUNTRY BY *USA TODAY* 2024 READER'S CHOICE
4 TRAVEL AWARDS.

5 WHEREAS, we join the supporters and fans in congratulating
6 the Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) in Jackson, Mississippi,
7 for being recognized as the third-best Children's Museum in the
8 country by *USA Today* for the 2024 Reader's Choice Travel Awards.
9 Twenty museums were nominated by an expert panel and nominees were
10 voted on by museum supporters and *USA Today* readers; and

11 WHEREAS, "We're thrilled for the children of Mississippi
12 because they deserve the very, very best," said Mississippi
13 Children's Museum President and CEO Susan Garrard. The
14 ever-changing exhibits and educational resources for teachers and
15 children make it the largest cultural and educational institution
16 for children and families in the state. "People from all over the
17 country were voting for us, and I think that probably is a
18 testament to our tourism strength and our impact that we bring to
19 our community and to our tourism community," said Garrard; and



20 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Children's Museum in Jackson is the
21 state's primary children's museum. It takes fun seriously by
22 creating unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a
23 lifelong joy of learning. Galleries include WonderBox
24 (state-of-the-art maker space), Wild About Reading (explore the
25 basics of reading), Healthy Fun (body systems), and Express
26 Yourself (hands-on STEAM activities). The maker space offers a
27 3-D printer and pens, robotics, circuitry, and building
28 activities. The Mississippi Children's Museum is also home to
29 seasonal exhibits. Exploring Mississippi features a State of
30 Mississippi climbing map. The map is designed to familiarize kids
31 with the diversity of Mississippi's geography and natural science,
32 culture and history, work and leisure life, and its connections to
33 the broader world; and

34 WHEREAS, our state has another thing to be proud of when it
35 comes to learning and fun. Families flock to LeFleur's Bluff to
36 learn and make lifetime memories; and

37 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
38 state-of-the-art facility that has brought national honor to the
39 State of Mississippi:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the
42 Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) for being recognized as the
43 third-best children's museum in the country by *USA Today* 2024
44 Reader's Choice Travel Awards, and extend the congratulations of



45 the Mississippi Senate to the staff and Board of Directors of the
46 museum for this high honor.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 Mississippi Children's Museum President Susan Garrard, forwarded
49 to the Mississippi Arts Commission and made available to the
50 Capitol Press Corps.

