

By: Representative Paden

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 113

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LEGENDARY BILLY F. GIBBONS OF ZZ  
2 TOP FOR HIS ENDURING SUPPORT OF THE DELTA BLUES MUSEUM AND  
3 DECLARING APRIL 9, 2025, AS "DELTA BLUES MUSEUM DAY" IN THE STATE  
4 OF MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Delta, rich in heritage and steeped  
6 in the rhythms of a people whose experiences gave rise to the  
7 Blues, stands as the birthplace of one of America's greatest  
8 cultural contributions to the world; and

9 WHEREAS, among the most revered stewards of this cultural  
10 legacy is the Delta Blues Museum in Clarksdale, Mississippi, which  
11 continues to preserve, promote, and honor the music, artists and  
12 stories that shaped the soul of a nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Billy F. Gibbons, the iconic singer, guitarist and  
14 frontman of the legendary Texas rock band, ZZ Top, has for decades  
15 demonstrated steadfast commitment to the preservation of Blues  
16 music and has been a vocal and visible supporter of the Delta  
17 Blues Museum; and

18 WHEREAS, a longtime aficionado and practitioner of  
19 Blues-influenced music, Mr. Gibbons co-wrote and recorded the song



20 "My Head's In Mississippi" following a formative visit to the  
21 Delta Blues Museum — an experience that deepened his appreciation  
22 for Mississippi's musical roots and inspired countless others to  
23 engage with this vital heritage; and

24 WHEREAS, from his early days with the psychedelic group, The  
25 Moving Sidewalks, to global acclaim with ZZ Top and his critically  
26 praised solo album works, including, *Perfectamundo*, *The Big Bad*  
27 *Blues* and *Hardware*, Mr. Gibbons has carried Mississippi's musical  
28 DNA through decades of innovative and authentic artistry; and

29 WHEREAS, with his unmistakable long beard, vintage guitars  
30 like his treasured "Pearly Gates," and deep respect for the Blues,  
31 Billy Gibbons has not only captivated audiences but used his  
32 platform to advocate for the cultural importance of institutions  
33 like the Delta Blues Museum; and

34 WHEREAS, his work alongside fellow legends like the late  
35 Stevie Ray Vaughan, his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of  
36 Fame in 2004, and his recent contributions to soundtracks such as  
37 "Land Man" continue to shine a global spotlight on the Blues  
38 traditions birthed in Mississippi; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
40 recognize individuals of Mr. Gibbons' prestige, who preserve and  
41 promote Mississippi's cultural legacy as philanthropic benefactors  
42 and ambassadors of musical artistic expression and perpetuating  
43 acknowledgement of the value of the Delta Blues Museum:



44           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
46 honor and commend Mr. Billy F. Gibbons for his enduring support of  
47 the Delta Blues Museum and his contributions to the preservation  
48 and celebration of Mississippi's musical heritage.

49           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That April 9, 2025, be declared  
50 "Delta Blues Museum Day" in the State of Mississippi, and that all  
51 citizens are encouraged to celebrate and support the museum's  
52 vital mission to honor the roots of the Blues and its lasting  
53 global influence.

54           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
55 furnished to Mr. Billy F. Gibbons, the Delta Blues Museum and to  
56 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

