By: Representatives Hurst, Mansell

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 114

1 A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING MAY 15, 2025, AS "MISSISSIPPI 2 LIMITLESS DAY" TO RECOGNIZE AND ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN IN 3 FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION, AND TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF THE STATEWIDE SERVICE INITIATIVES PROVIDED THROUGH LIMITLESS. 5 WHEREAS, Limitless is a service initiative committed to supporting Mississippi's foster care and adoption systems by 6 7 fostering meaningful connections, providing essential resources, and advocating for vulnerable youth across the state; and 8 9 WHEREAS, in 2024, approximately 4,000 children in Mississippi 10 were in foster care, with only about 644 adopted annually, representing a significant population of students who too often go 11 12 unseen and underserved; and WHEREAS, Limitless is an official partner of the Court 13 14 Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Hinds County, through which

it organizes resource drives that provide creative materials such

as coloring books and art supplies, offering children in foster

care constructive outlets to manage the emotional stress of

courtroom visits and other transitional experiences; and

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20 education focused on emotional intelligence and communication skills to help children in foster care and adoptive settings 21 22 develop secure, healthy attachments within their new environments; 23 and 24 WHEREAS, through strategic partnerships, community advocacy and public engagement, Limitless remains steadfast in its diligent 25 26 commitment to expanding its reach across Mississippi to ensure 27 that no foster care or adoptive child feels overlooked or 28 unsupported; and 29 WHEREAS, there is currently no statewide day dedicated to recognizing, educating, and celebrating the experiences of 30 31 children in foster care and adoption, nor the transformative work 32 of organizations such as Limitless; and 33 WHEREAS, designating a day of recognition will not only raise 34 awareness about the importance of foster care and adoption but 35 will also inspire collective action and reinforce our state's commitment to building a supportive and inclusive environment for 36 37 every child: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF 38 39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby

acknowledge and recognize May 15, 2025, as "Mississippi Limitless

Day" in the State of Mississippi to honor and uplift the voices of

foster care and adoptive children and to recognize the vital

WHEREAS, Limitless plays a critical role in providing

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- 43 efforts of Limitless in strengthening the fabric of our
- 44 communities.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all citizens of Mississippi are
- 46 encouraged to observe this day with appropriate programs,
- 47 activities and educational efforts to raise awareness and support
- 48 for the needs and potential of children in foster care and
- 49 adoption.
- 50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
- 51 furnished to Limitless, CASA of Hinds County, the Department of
- 52 Child Protection Services and to the members of the Capitol Press
- 53 Corps.