

By: Senator(s) Horhn, Tollison, Farris,  
Walls, Dawkins, Jordan, Furniss, Simmons

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MISSISSIPPI  
2 FILM COMMISSION UPON THE OCCASION OF MISSISSIPPI FILM WEEK AND  
3 RECOGNIZING THE CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FILM PRODUCTION TO  
4 MISSISSIPPI'S ECONOMY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Film Commission (Office) was created  
6 on January 17, 1973, by Governor Bill Waller; and

7 WHEREAS, the work of the Mississippi Film Office creates jobs  
8 and opportunity, enhances tourism and community, and provides  
9 public relations impact; and

10 WHEREAS, beginning with *Thieves Like Us* in 1973, more than 40  
11 films, 26 television movies, 21 documentaries, two television  
12 series, more than two dozen episodes of television programs,  
13 countless small films, and hundreds of commercials and music  
14 videos have been filmed in Mississippi; and

15 WHEREAS, Mississippi film and television production have  
16 presented to the world the work of such Mississippians as William  
17 Faulkner, Tennessee Williams, Eudora Welty, Willie Morris, Larry  
18 Brown, John Grisham and Beth Henley; and

19 WHEREAS, films produced in Mississippi have highlighted  
20 contributions of such notable Mississippians as Elvis Presley,  
21 Medger Evers, Dr. James Hardy, James Meredith, Robert Johnson,  
22 Willie Morris, Bobby DeLaughter, and have documented our  
23 contributions to the fields of music, science, civil rights,  
24 literature, science, history and medicine; and

25 WHEREAS, Mississippi locations from Pascagoula to Walls, from  
26 Vicksburg to Meridian, from Jacinto to Woodville have been used in  
27 movies, television, commercials and documentaries in the last 30  
28 years; and



29           WHEREAS, film production in Mississippi has accounted for  
30 more than \$100 Million in direct expenditure since the creation of  
31 film office. It has generated hundreds of thousands of paychecks  
32 for Mississippians: 10,000 during the production of *A Time To*  
33 *Kill* alone; and

34           WHEREAS, on location, film production has brought to  
35 Mississippi such celebrities as Robert Redford, Natalie Wood,  
36 Elizabeth Taylor, Montgomery Clift, Robert Mitchum, Steve McQueen,  
37 John Wayne, William Holden, Robert Duvall, Muhammad Ali, Gene  
38 Hackman, Cicely Tyson, Denzel Washington, Morgan Freeman, Sandra  
39 Bullock, Donald Sutherland, Karen Black, Faye Dunaway, Samuel L.  
40 Jackson, Alex Baldwin, James Woods, Glen Close, Patricia Neal,  
41 Charles Dutton, Frances McDormand, Jason Robards, Whoopi Goldberg,  
42 Julianne Moore, Al Pacino, Russell Crowe, Gerald McRaney, Delta  
43 Burke, George Clooney and Debra Winger; and

44           WHEREAS, Mississippi productions have been directed by some  
45 of the worlds greatest directors, among them John Ford, Elia  
46 Kazan, Robert Altman, Sydney Pollack, Vincente Minelli, Milos  
47 Forman, the Coen Brothers, Walter Hill, Spike Lee, Joel  
48 Schumacher, Fielder Cook, Charles Burnett, Wim Wenders, Alan  
49 Parker, Mark Rydell, Michael Mann, Jim Jarmusch and Rob Reiner;  
50 and

51           WHEREAS, Governor Ronnie Musgrove has proclaimed January  
52 13-17, 2003, as "Mississippi Film Week," and it is with pride that  
53 we recognize this agency whose industry means so much to the State  
54 of Mississippi:

55           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
56 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the  
57 Mississippi Film Commission (Office) upon the occasion of  
58 Mississippi Film Week, January 13-17, 2003, and recognize the  
59 considerable contributions of film production to Mississippi's  
60 economy and public relations.



61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , That this resolution be presented to  
62 the Mississippi Film Commission (Office) and be made available to  
63 the Capitol Press Corps.

