

By: Representative Rogers (61st)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

1 A RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE ATLANTA BRAVES CLASS AA AFFILIATE
2 AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO PEARL, MISSISSIPPI, AND COMMENDING
3 THE ORGANIZATION FOR BREAKING GROUND ON THE TEAM'S NEW STADIUM.

4 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Braves, Major League Baseball's most
5 successful franchise since 1991, is relocating its Greenville,
6 South Carolina, Class AA affiliate to the City of Pearl in Rankin
7 County of the Great State of Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Braves will break ground on the
9 team's first class stadium in Pearl on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, and
10 is scheduled to be completed for the first season of the
11 Mississippi Braves in 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, the brand new 6,000 seat stadium will be a
13 fan-friendly ballpark with many of the same amenities of major
14 league ballparks such as private suites, recessed seating, lawn
15 berm, an open concourse, a restaurant and a fan interactive area;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, representing the Braves organization will be Mike
18 Plant, Executive Vice President of Business Operations for the
19 Atlanta Braves; Chip Moore, Vice President and Controller for the
20 Atlanta Braves; Steve DeSalvo, General Manager for the Class AA
21 Braves; and Jim Bishop, Assistant General Manager for the Class AA
22 Braves; and

23 WHEREAS, joining the members of the Braves organization at
24 the ground breaking ceremonies will be Mississippi Governor Haley
25 Barbour; Pearl Mayor Jimmy Foster; and Southern League President
26 Don Mincher; and

27 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
28 welcome outstanding organizations such as the Atlanta Braves, who
29 have brought America's favorite past time to the State of
30 Mississippi for fans and families to enjoy for many years to come:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
33 welcome the Atlanta Braves Class AA affiliate and their
34 representatives, Mike Plant, Chip Moore, Steve DeSalvo, and Jim
35 Bishop to Pearl, Mississippi; congratulate them on breaking ground
36 on the team's new stadium; and wish them many years of success in
37 all their athletic and business endeavors.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 furnished to the representatives of the Braves organization, Mike
40 Plant, Chip Moore, Steve DeSalvo and Jim Bishop, and to the
41 members of the Capitol Press Corps.