

By: Senator(s) Williams, Turner-Ford

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 100

1 A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF STARKVILLE,
2 MISSISSIPPI, UPON ITS DESIGNATION AS THE "BEST SMALL TOWN IN THE
3 SOUTH" BY *USA TODAY*.

4 WHEREAS, *USA Today* announced Starkville has officially been
5 named the "Best Small Town in the South"; and

6 WHEREAS, Starkville received the number one ranking after a
7 four-week voting process and was nominated by a panel of travel
8 experts, which include a combination of editors from *USA Today*,
9 10Best.com, publishing contributors, and sources for both these
10 media and other Gannett properties; and

11 WHEREAS, Starkville Mayor Lynn Spruill said, "The *USA Today*
12 results are incredibly exciting. I have always believed that
13 Starkville deserves to be recognized as a great place to live,
14 work, play and learn. It is especially rewarding to see that so
15 many others believe it to be as well"; and

16 WHEREAS, selected in a field of 19 other small Southern towns
17 with relaxing getaways, cultural immersion, outdoor adventures,
18 and culinary delights, the Greater Starkville Development



19 Partnership is proud to see Starkville, Mississippi's College
20 Town, receive this prestigious honor; and

21 WHEREAS, Mississippi State University President Mark E.
22 Keenum said, "This achievement reflects the hard work and
23 dedication of many in our community, our friends and neighbors who
24 are committed to making Starkville the best it can be." Dr.
25 Keenum added, "Starkville is synonymous with Mississippi State
26 University, and we have grown together literally and figuratively
27 since 1878. As both a native and resident of Starkville, I'm so
28 proud of this outstanding distinction for our city"; and

29 WHEREAS, the Starkville Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)
30 is the official destination marketing organization for the City of
31 Starkville. It focuses on promoting Starkville to potential
32 leisure, convention, sports, and group travelers. The Starkville
33 Convention and Visitors Bureau is a branch of the Greater
34 Starkville Development Partnership; and

35 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this
36 outstanding distinction which has brought honor to the City of
37 Starkville and to the State of Mississippi:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
39 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby congratulate the City of
40 Starkville, Mississippi, upon its designation as the "Best Small
41 Town in the South" by *USA Today*, and extend to the local governing
42 officials and tourism departments our best wishes for future
43 growth and accolades.



44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
45 Mayor Spruill and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Starkville
46 and the Starkville Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), forwarded
47 to Dr. Mark Keenum, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

