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Hinds County Supervisor to Request Resolution be Sent to Governor Phil Bryant

Supervisor Robert Graham Urges Removal of Confederate Emblem
from the State Flag

Hinds County, MS – Tuesday, June 23, 2015: On Monday, July 6, 2015, at the regular meeting of the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, District One Supervisor Robert Graham will introduce a resolution requesting Governor Phil Bryant to take necessary actions for the removal of the confederate emblem from the Mississippi state flag.

Supervisor Robert Graham says, "I hear what my constituents are saying. We owe it to all our citizens and future generations to break the chains of systemic injustices and leave a legacy of hope, not one of division shaded by symbols of hatred and inequality. This one action alone will not solve or eliminate racism, but it is one single step in the right direction towards healing our state."

Supervisor Graham says that his intentions are not to dishonor or disrespect anyone's heritage. He does recognize the confederate flag to be a part of Mississippi's dark history and feels that the flag could be acknowledged for its historical value and retired to its rightful place...in a museum.

"Yes, the confederate flag is a part of Mississippi's history, but it is also marred with the scars of slavery. How can our citizenry body as a whole look to this flag today with pride knowing that it served as a battle cry for oppression and suffering?"

Graham says the flag should be redesigned to show the new Mississippi, the Hospitality State, that we all know and love - a Mississippi where everyone is welcomed regardless of race, color, creed, sexual orientation, etc.

For additional information about this press release, please contact Robert Graham, Hinds County Supervisor District 1, at 601-968-6689 or email: rgraham@co.hinds.ms.us.

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