

By: Senator(s) Scoper, Hewes

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 546

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND 1999 AS THE BICENTENNIAL
2 CELEBRATION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

3 WHEREAS, December 14, 1999, will be recognized as the
4 200-year anniversary of the death of George Washington; and

5 WHEREAS, as the father of our nation and the protector of our
6 liberties, George Washington's steadfast character and devotion to
7 duty established high standards and inspired generations of
8 Americans in the service of their country and the conduct of their
9 private lives; and

10 WHEREAS, Governor Kirk Fordice has proclaimed December 14,
11 1999, as the 200th Anniversary of the Death of George Washington,
12 encouraging all citizens to commemorate his life and character;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Society of the Daughters of
15 the American Revolution is making this event a focus of their
16 year's activities, especially the Mississippi State Conference to
17 be held in Jackson February 18-20; and

18 WHEREAS, in further commemoration of our first president, a
19 variety of events have been planned; a George Washington Tulip
20 Poplar and a Mt. Vernon Red Maple will be planted on the grounds
21 of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian in April, with
22 Washington Memorial Gardens planned throughout Mississippi by
23 local chapters throughout the state; and

24 WHEREAS, local chapters statewide will present a set of Mt.
25 Vernon selected books to local libraries, and will participate in
26 summer "story hours" devoted to George Washington; and

27 WHEREAS, in September, local chapters will recognize
28 "Constitution Week", commemorating George Washington's role as
29 president of the Constitutional Convention; and

30 WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to join with
31 the Governor, our nation's Congress, and the Daughters of the
32 American Revolution in commemorating the 200th anniversary of this
33 great man's death in order to recognize, promulgate and perpetuate
34 the ideals established by our first President as being truly "the
35 American Way":

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
38 we do hereby commemorate December 14, 1999, as the 200th
39 Anniversary of the Death of George Washington, and join in
40 encouraging all citizens to celebrate that day his life and
41 character.

42 BE FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
43 presented to Mississippi DAR Regent Mrs. Dell Scoper for reading
44 at the State Conference.