

By: Senator(s) Hewes, Gollott, Woodfield

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 592

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
2 DECLARATION OF ARBROATH, THE SCOTTISH DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

3 WHEREAS, April 6 has a special significance for all
4 Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent,
5 because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of
6 Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320, and the American
7 Declaration of Independence was modeled on that inspirational
8 document; and

9 WHEREAS, the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish
10 Declaration of Independence in 1320, contains the lines "For we
11 fight not for glory, nor riches, nor honors, but for freedom
12 alone, which no man gives up except with his life," daring words
13 that will not lie quiet and will never be forgotten; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi possesses a rich history
15 filled with the character and strength of a truly diverse
16 population, including many Scots and Scots-Irish; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has 38 towns and cities
18 with names appearing on the map of Scotland and 67 towns, cities,
19 and counties with the names of Scottish families who came to
20 America; and

21 WHEREAS, this resolution honors the major role that Scottish
22 Americans played in the founding of this nation, such as the fact
23 that almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence
24 were of Scottish descent, the Governors in 9 of the original 13
25 states were of Scottish ancestry, and Scottish Americans
26 successfully helped shape this country in its formative years and

27 guided this nation through its most troubled times; and

28 WHEREAS, this resolution recognizes the monumental
29 achievements and invaluable contributions made by Scottish
30 Americans that have led to America's preeminence in the fields of
31 science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics,
32 architecture, literature, media and visual and performing arts;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, this resolution commends the more than 200
35 organizations throughout the United States that honor Scottish
36 heritage, tradition and culture, representing the hundreds of
37 thousands of Americans of Scottish descent, residing in every
38 state, who already have made the observance of Tartan Day on April
39 6 a success:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
42 we do hereby commemorate the anniversary of the Declaration of
43 Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
45 furnished to the Capitol Press Corps.