

By: Senator(s) Blackmon, Simmons

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 649

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 26, 1999, AS STAND UP
2 FOR RURAL MISSISSIPPI DAY.

3 WHEREAS, there are over sixty not-for-profit community-based
4 development groups hard at work to improve housing and economic
5 conditions in Mississippi's rural communities, while preserving
6 their natural and cultural heritage, and the values and quality of
7 life that define rural Mississippi; and

8 WHEREAS, Mississippi's not-for-profit community-based
9 developers have been duly recognized as leaders in development in
10 Mississippi, and their effort and determination are appreciated by
11 members of the Mississippi Legislature and the thousands of
12 Mississippians they represent; and

13 WHEREAS, Mississippi community-based developers have
14 demonstrated their ability to address the needs of Mississippi's
15 rural population for affordable housing, economic opportunity and
16 essential services when given the resources to do the job by
17 having developed housing units, helped Mississippians buy homes,
18 assisted businesses and created jobs; and

19 WHEREAS, in furtherance of these efforts, Mississippi's
20 community-based development groups support the Stand Up for Rural
21 America campaign, a national initiative to strengthen rural
22 community-based development organizations and secure additional
23 federal, banking and philanthropic resources to help them do their
24 work; and

25 WHEREAS, to promote greater awareness of the needs of rural
26 Mississippians, Mississippi's community-based development

27 organizations and Stand Up for Rural America are recognizing March
28 26, 1999, as Stand Up for Rural Mississippi Day:

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
30 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
31 we do declare this 26th day of March, 1999, as Stand Up for Rural
32 Mississippi Day, a day when all Mississippians celebrate the
33 accomplishments of these community developers, recognize the need
34 for more private and public support for their efforts and call on
35 the federal government, banks and philanthropies to invest more
36 resources in these groups which help Mississippians help
37 themselves.