

By: Senator(s) Gollott

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 600

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE ACQUISITION AND
2 FORMATION OF THE PASCAGOULA RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

3 WHEREAS, September 22, 2001, will mark the 25th anniversary
4 of the purchase of 32,000 acres of the Pascagoula River system in
5 Jackson and George Counties; and

6 WHEREAS, the Pascagoula River system has been nationally
7 recognized as the largest free-flowing river system in the lower
8 48 states of the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature played a pivotal and
10 innovative role in the acquisition of the Pascagoula River
11 Wildlife Management Area; and

12 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature created the state
13 Wildlife Heritage Committee in 1974; and

14 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature authorized the issuance
15 of bonds in 1975 for purchasing the Pascagoula River Wildlife
16 Management Area; and

17 WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Pascagoula River Wildlife
18 Management Area was the result of a concerted private and public
19 effort by The Nature Conservancy and the State of Mississippi
20 utilizing an innovative and complex tender offer; and

21 WHEREAS, the Pascagoula River Wildlife Management Area
22 contains a priceless, rich and diverse community of flora and
23 fauna; and

24 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes September 22, 1976, when
25 the deed for Pascagoula River Wildlife Management Area passed to

26 the state as a significant event in the history of conservation in
27 Mississippi:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
29 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
30 we commemorate the acquisition and formation of the Pascagoula
31 River Wildlife Management Area, and recognize the importance of
32 this event in preserving the rich natural heritage of the
33 Pascagoula River Wildlife Management Area for generations to come.