

By: Representative Holland

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
2 OF THE TEDDY BEAR.

3 WHEREAS, for nearly a century, the Teddy Bear has remained
4 one of America's all-time favorite toys; and

5 WHEREAS, the origin of the Teddy Bear dates back to a hunting
6 excursion made by President Theodore Roosevelt to Smedes,
7 Mississippi, on November 14, 1902; and

8 WHEREAS, during that particular hunting expedition, President
9 Roosevelt refused to shoot a small, exhausted black bear; and

10 WHEREAS, the shot not fired at the cuddly creature in the
11 Mississippi Delta was soon heard around the land as a great credit
12 to the heroic and sportsmanlike conduct of President Roosevelt;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, after political cartoonist Clifford Berryman's
15 depiction of President Roosevelt's humane act on this journey, the
16 plush toy bear, appropriately named the "Teddy Bear," evolved and
17 continues to be a universal symbol of love, comfort and joy for
18 children of all ages; and

19 WHEREAS, it is because of President Roosevelt's visit to the
20 State of Mississippi that the legacy of the Teddy Bear became a
21 reality for all who enjoy the warmth afforded by such a momentous
22 symbol:

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
25 THEREIN, That we do hereby commemorate President Theodore
26 Roosevelt's November 14, 1902, hunting expedition to Mississippi
27 and his famous act of compassion, which, 100 years later, is still



28 celebrated throughout the land with the beloved stuffed toy, the
29 Teddy Bear.

