

By: Representatives Clark, Holland, Capps,
Stevens, Whittington, Eakes

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 139

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JUNE 3, 2003, THE 100TH
2 ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF MISSISSIPPI'S NEW CAPITOL, AS THE
3 DATE FOR CEREMONIES HONORING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE
4 BUILDING AND DEDICATION OF THE NEW CAPITOL.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Capitol, known as the "New
6 Capitol" since it succeeded the old statehouse in 1903, has been a
7 handsome and impressive landmark in the capital city of Jackson
8 since that time; and

9 WHEREAS, the best and most lavish example of the Beaux Arts
10 style of architecture in Mississippi and particularly admired for
11 its rich interior decoration, the New Capitol was extensively
12 renovated and its historical architectural elements restored in
13 1979-1982; and

14 WHEREAS, actual work on the building was begun January 1,
15 1901 - the first day of the month and of the year and of the
16 century - and was completed according to schedule August 20, 1903,
17 at a cost of \$1,093,641.00; and

18 WHEREAS, the State House Commission, with the Governor as ex
19 officio president, found the capitol building and grounds in good
20 condition for laying the cornerstone, and in formal exercises
21 dedicated the capitol on the anniversary of Jefferson Davis's
22 birthday, June 3, 1903; and

23 WHEREAS, the dedication of the New Capitol drew "The Largest
24 Crowd Ever Assembled in the City of Jackson" according to the
25 headline in the Weekly Clarion-Ledger of June 4, 1903, with an
26 estimated 20,000 to 25,000 people present at the grand parade and
27 dedication ceremonies; and



28 WHEREAS, the 100th anniversary of the building and original
29 dedication of the New Capitol will occur on June 3, 2003, and this
30 event is worthy of celebration of this great work of historical
31 preservation by the State of Mississippi:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
34 THEREIN, That June 3, 2003, the 100th anniversary of the building
35 and original dedication of Mississippi's New Capitol, is
36 designated by the Legislature as the date for ceremonies honoring
37 the centennial celebration of the building and dedication of the
38 New Capitol.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the people of the state are
40 cordially invited to attend the centennial celebration ceremonies
41 of their New Capitol, and that copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to the Mayor of the City of Jackson, to all elected
43 state officials and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

