

By: Senator(s) Huggins, Furniss, Gollott

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 520

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF FORMER STATE
2 SENATOR THOMAS ARNIE WATSON OF NORTH CARROLLTON, MISSISSIPPI, AND
3 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE ON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, former State Senator Thomas Arnie Watson, 93, of
5 North Carrollton, Mississippi, passed away on Thursday, January 9,
6 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Watson was a retired former State Senator and
8 Carroll County Tax Collector. He was born in Carroll County to
9 the late William Edward and Mittie Steele Watson; and

10 WHEREAS, Watson was a truly gifted individual - a politician,
11 teacher, farmer, soldier, friend and lifelong church-goer; and

12 WHEREAS, Watson, a Carroll County native, was a graduate of
13 Valley High School, where he also was a teacher for several years.
14 He was a graduate of Holmes Junior College and attended the
15 University of Mississippi; and

16 WHEREAS, the World War II veteran served two terms as a State
17 Senator from Carroll County. He also served two terms as County
18 Tax Collector; and

19 WHEREAS, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Bervil
20 Elder Watson; two sisters, Eurdise Watson Smith and Norene Watson
21 Organ; and a brother, Jerome Watson, all of Carroll County. He is
22 survived by one sister, Iona Watson Lott of Pascagoula; one
23 brother, Ferguson "Bullie" Watson of Bartlett, Tennessee; three
24 nephews, Trent Lott of Pascagoula, Tom Watson of Warrenton,
25 Virginia, and Jim Watson of Nashville, Tennessee; and two nieces,
26 Frances Hodges of Carrollton and Cynthia Vlastic of Lake Charles,
27 Louisiana; and



28 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this
29 dedicated Christian man who brought honor to his community and to
30 the State of Mississippi:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
32 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
33 we do hereby commend the life of former State Senator and Carroll
34 County Tax Collector Thomas Arnie Watson of North Carrollton,
35 Mississippi, and express the sympathy of the Legislature to his
36 family on his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
38 presented to Senator Watson's surviving family and be made
39 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

