

By: Senator(s) Furniss

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 588

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED  
2 SERVICE OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN SHELBY E. NASSAR.

3 WHEREAS, during World War II many young American men and  
4 women went to war and devoted their service and offered their  
5 lives to protect our country, our freedom and our way of life; and

6 WHEREAS, Shelby E. Nassar of Clarksdale, Mississippi, and his  
7 two brothers were three of those young men who served in the  
8 United States Armed Forces during those eventful years; and

9 WHEREAS, Shelby Nassar was born to Joe and Wydia Ferris  
10 Nassar in Shelby, Mississippi, on October 5, 1922; and

11 WHEREAS, Shelby Nassar enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard as an  
12 Apprentice Seaman on September 29, 1942, and received his training  
13 in New Orleans, Louisiana; St. Augustine, Florida; and Groton,  
14 Connecticut; and

15 WHEREAS, Shelby Nassar served aboard the Coast Guard Cutter  
16 U.S.S. Tallapoosa on submarine patrol in the Atlantic Ocean  
17 protecting U.S. convoy ships sailing to Britain, Russia and other  
18 parts of the world from submarine attacks; and

19 WHEREAS, Shelby Nassar further served aboard the U.S. Army  
20 Ship FS314 until he completed his tour of duty and was honorably  
21 discharged as a Yeoman Third Class on November 24, 1945; and

22 WHEREAS, on April 13, 1946, Shelby Nassar married Mary Jane  
23 McCombs and their 53-year marriage (until Mary Jane's death in  
24 1999) was blessed with three children; namely, Shelby Thomas  
25 Nassar, Sheryl Ann Nassar and Joseph Frank Nassar; and

26 WHEREAS, as a World War II Veteran, Shelby Nassar has always  
27 supported and promoted the recognition of the patriotic services



28 of all Veterans and in particular the Mississippi recipients of  
29 the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

30 WHEREAS, in 1999, Shelby Nassar contacted his State Senator,  
31 provided him with research and documentation, and requested  
32 legislation to construct and dedicate a monument recognizing  
33 Mississippi recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, which  
34 subsequently resulted in the introduction and passage of Senate  
35 Bill No. 3024 in the 2000 Regular Session which authorized the  
36 construction and dedication of such monument; and

37 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Veterans Monument Commission readily  
38 supported including the proposed monument in their on-going plans  
39 for a Mississippi Veterans Monument; and

40 WHEREAS, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2001, a  
41 special ceremony was held on the grounds of the Woolfolk Building  
42 located West of the Capitol in downtown Jackson dedicating the  
43 Mississippi Veterans Monument and the Mississippi recipients of  
44 the Congressional Medal of Honor Monument; and

45 WHEREAS, during that special ceremony, Shelby Nassar was  
46 recognized for his role and untiring effort in support of the  
47 construction and dedication of the Congressional Medal of Honor  
48 Monument; and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to recognize and  
50 honor the accomplishments and achievements of citizens of this  
51 state, and especially our Veterans who have given so much for our  
52 state and our country:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
54 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
55 we do hereby recognize and honor the life and dedicated service of  
56 World War II Veteran Shelby Nassar and also express our  
57 appreciation for his role and support in the construction and  
58 dedication of the Mississippi recipients of the Congressional  
59 Medal of Honor Monument.



60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
61 presented to Shelby Nassar and his family, and to the *Clarksdale*  
62 *Press Register*.

