

By: Senator(s) Furniss

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 591

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING AND MEMORIALIZING TWO RENA  
2 LARA WORLD WAR II HEROES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT OUR  
3 COUNTRY, OUR FREEDOM, AND OUR WAY OF LIFE -- TWO "GOLD STARS" WHO  
4 DIDN'T COME HOME.

5 WHEREAS, in the late 1930's and early 1940's, as Germany's  
6 Hitler and Italy's Mussolini marched across Europe, and as Japan's  
7 Hirohito and Tojo continued to build their armies, the dark clouds  
8 of World War II loomed on the horizon; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States, as a matter of self-preservation  
10 and to help protect the free world, began to reach out and call  
11 its young men and women to service -- called from every city,  
12 town, village, hamlet and farm across this vast United States; and

13 WHEREAS, the Rena Lara Community gave dearly of its young men  
14 and women -- perhaps more than many other communities of like  
15 size, and Rena Lara was proud -- even more proud than the largest  
16 cities across the nation, if this was possible; and

17 WHEREAS, in the years following World War II, a beautiful  
18 red, white and blue banner containing over 35 stars was proudly  
19 displayed on the wall behind the pulpit in the Rena Lara Community  
20 Building/Rena Lara Baptist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, this banner was made of cloth, rectangular in shape  
22 (approximately two feet by three feet) and bordered all around by  
23 a three-inch band. Between the borders, blue stars on a white  
24 background were evenly arranged in alternate rows of three and  
25 four stars each; and

26 WHEREAS, this banner was not just an ordinary banner, but one  
27 very dear to the hearts of every citizen of the Rena Lara  
28 Community, for the stars in this special banner represented the



29 young men and women who left the community and went to war to  
30 defend our country in World War II; and

31 WHEREAS, this revered banner was also very special in one  
32 other unique way -- two stars in the center of the white field  
33 stood out from the others for they were gold in color. The two  
34 Gold Stars represented two Rena Lara heroes who made the ultimate  
35 sacrifice for their country and their community. "Greater love  
36 hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his  
37 friends." John 15:13; and

38 WHEREAS, Charles Bruce Chadwick is honored and remembered by  
39 the first Gold Star on the banner. On December 7, 1941, about  
40 7:55 a.m. Hawaiian time, Japanese bombs began to fall on Pearl  
41 Harbor. The U.S.S. Arizona was one of the American Battleships  
42 lost during the surprise attack. Machinist's Mate Charles Bruce  
43 Chadwick was on the battleship and is one of those entombed in the  
44 sunken vessel, which rests on the bottom of Honolulu's Harbor. He  
45 was 25 years old; and

46 WHEREAS, Richard W. "Pete" Rozelle is honored and remembered  
47 by the second Gold Star on the banner. On July 10, 1943, the  
48 Allied Forces began the historic invasion of Sicily in the  
49 Mediterranean. Paratrooper Pfc. Richard W. "Pete" Rozelle was a  
50 member of that heroic group that fateful day. He is buried in the  
51 United States National Cemetery near Rome, Italy. He was 21 years  
52 old; and

53 WHEREAS, many young men and women from Rena Lara have  
54 valiantly and courageously served our country during the various  
55 conflicts of the past -- some have been seriously wounded, others  
56 have been taken prisoner, and all have endured tremendous  
57 hardships in fulfilling their call to duty; and

58 WHEREAS, this tribute to these two who have fallen in action  
59 -- who have made the ultimate sacrifice -- these two "Gold Stars"  
60 who didn't come home -- Machinist's Mate Charles Bruce Chadwick  
61 and Paratrooper Pfc. Richard W. "Pete" Rozelle -- is respectfully



62 dedicated in honor of all those from Rena Lara who have served and  
63 returned home safely; and

64 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to honor and pay  
65 tribute to our men and women in service and especially to remember  
66 and memorialize those who have fallen in battle:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
68 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
69 we do hereby remember, honor and memorialize two Rena Lara World  
70 War II Heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their  
71 lives to protect our country, our freedom, and our way of life --  
72 Machinist's Mate Charles Bruce Chadwick and Paratrooper Pfc.  
73 Richard W. "Pete" Rozelle -- two "Gold Stars" who didn't come  
74 home.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Senator Delma Furniss is hereby  
76 designated to represent this body in presenting this resolution to  
77 family members of Machinist's Mate Charles Bruce Chadwick and  
78 Paratrooper Pfc. Richard W. "Pete" Rozelle.

