

By: Senator(s) Furniss

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF WORLD
2 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, That we do hereby recognize and honor the life and
55 dedicated service of World War II Veteran Shelby Nassar and also
56 express our appreciation for his role and support in the
57 construction and dedication of the Mississippi recipients of the
58 Congressional Medal of Honor Monument.



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

