

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Posey, Dearing,
White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 597

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF
2 PROFESSIONAL FISHERMAN WAYNE MONK OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, AND
3 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Wayne Monk of Biloxi, Mississippi, an avid
5 professional fisherman who won many fishing tournaments and rodeos
6 on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, passed away on March 15, 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, Wayne Monk attended D'Iberville High School, and
8 after high school, he entered the United States Marine Corps with
9 his nephew, Mike Vereker; and

10 WHEREAS, Wayne has had a lifelong love of fishing and won
11 many fishing rodeos. He was a member of the Gulf Coast Bass
12 Masters and was a charter member of the Pride of the South Bass
13 Masters and then the South Mississippi Association of Bass Clubs;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Wayne always dreamed of being a professional
16 fisherman. He began to work toward his dream in the late 1970s by
17 fishing in the American Anglers Association in both the
18 Mississippi and Louisiana Divisions. He fished in the Red Man
19 Tournament Trail and the Mid-South Bass Association (now known as
20 the FLW sponsored by Wal-Mart). Wayne won the Mid-South Bass
21 Association Classic at Kremer Marine in October 1991. Winning
22 this Classic tournament garnered him sponsors and started his
23 professional career; and

24 WHEREAS, later he joined "Mississippi Outdoors" in 1993 and
25 became the Staff Pro and Co-Host for the show. Wayne lived and
26 achieved his dream; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Monk was preceded in death by his parents,
28 Ronald E. and Maybelle Monk; a sister, Betty Teague; and two
29 brothers, Robert Emory and Joseph Anthony Monk; and

30 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Dena Monk; his sisters,
31 Marie Vereker, Mary Voyuvich, Eva Fountain and Elaine Lazenby; his
32 brothers, William, Howard, Jimmy, Roy and Ronnie Monk; his
33 godchild, David Lazenby, Jr.; and many special nieces and nephews,
34 including his fishing buddy and nephew Michael Vereker; and

35 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this
36 well-known member of the Mississippi Gulf Coast fishing community:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
39 we do hereby commend the life and career of professional fisherman
40 Wayne Monk of Biloxi, Mississippi, and express to his surviving
41 family the sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
43 the surviving family of Mr. Monk and be made available to the
44 Capitol Press Corps.