

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Rules

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

1 A RESOLUTION DECLARING JANUARY 27, 2005, AS A DAY OF SOLEMN
2 REMEMBRANCE, HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF
3 THE AUSCHWITZ CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN POLAND.

4 WHEREAS, the sixtieth anniversary of the liberation of
5 Auschwitz Concentration Camp will be commemorated on January 27,
6 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, from 1940 to 1945, the Nazis deported over a million
8 Jews, almost 150,000 Poles, 23,000 Roma, 15,000 Soviet POWs, and
9 over 10,000 prisoners of other nationalities to Auschwitz. The
10 overwhelming majority of them died in the camp; and

11 WHEREAS, as the Allied Forces approached, the SS evacuated
12 the camp on January 17 and 18, 1945, marching tens of thousands of
13 prisoners through the freezing cold to other concentration camps
14 in Germany; and

15 WHEREAS, the uncounted numbers of prisoners who lost their
16 lives while imprisoned at Auschwitz and during this march,
17 illustrates unexceeded inhumanity to man and cruelty due to ethnic
18 and religious persecution; and

19 WHEREAS, on January 27, 1945, soldiers of the 60th Army of
20 the First Ukrainian Front reached Oswiecim, where more than 230
21 soldiers fell during the liberation fighting in the city and
22 nearby areas and freeing about seven thousand prisoners awaiting
23 liberation in the Auschwitz camps; and

24 WHEREAS, the inhumanity and vast disregard for the value of
25 human life displayed by the acts of genocide, invokes our call to
26 remember the millions that perished there and the great work of

27 the Allies in World War II in destroying the Nazi death machine;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
30 the State of Mississippi to recognize such profound dates of
31 historical significance, and express a resounding commitment to
32 guard against ethnic, racial or religious persecution of any
33 group:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
36 declare January 27, 2005, as a solemn day of remembrance in
37 recognition of the sixtieth anniversary commemorating the
38 liberation of the Auschwitz Concentration Camps in Poland.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
40 furnished to the Mississippi Holocaust Commission and to the
41 members of the Capitol Press Corps.