

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 520

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
2 CELEBRATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 23,
3 2005, AS "ROTARY DAY" IN MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, was founded on
5 February 23, 1905, when Chicago attorney Paul Harris invited three
6 business associates to a meeting to form a club to share "mutual
7 cooperation and informal friendship such as all of us had once
8 known in our villages"; and

9 WHEREAS, by 1921, Rotary Clubs had been formed on six
10 continents, and the name Rotary International was adopted in 1922;
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12 WHEREAS, as Rotary International grew, its focus changed from
13 serving the business and professional needs of its members to
14 serving communities in need, as expressed in its motto: "Service
15 Above Self"; and

16 WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation, established in 1928, today
17 garners contributions exceeding \$80 Million annually to support a
18 range of humanitarian grants and educational programs; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1985, Rotary International made a commitment to
20 immunize all of the world's children against polio, and by the
21 Centennial of Rotary in 2005, more than \$500 Million will have
22 been committed to the eradication of polio; and

23 WHEREAS, Rotary International, approaching its 100th
24 anniversary, consists of 1.2 million members in some 31,000 Rotary
25 Clubs in 166 countries, all committed to addressing such problems
26 as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger and
27 children at risk:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
29 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
30 we do hereby recognize Rotary International on the occasion of its
31 100th Anniversary and designate February 23, 2005, as "Rotary Day"
32 in Mississippi in honor of the numerous and ongoing contributions
33 of this organization to communities throughout the State of
34 Mississippi, across the nation and around the world.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
36 the President of the Mississippi affiliate of Rotary International
37 and the Secretary of State, and be made available to the Capitol
38 Press Corps.