

By: Representatives Zuber, Janus, Simpson

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL STATE TARTAN
2 IN COMMEMORATION AND OBSERVANCE OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
3 DECLARATION OF ARBROATH, THE SCOTTISH DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

4 WHEREAS, April 6 has a special significance for all
5 Americans, and especially those Americans of Scottish descent,
6 because the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of
7 Independence, was signed on April 6, 1320, and the American
8 Declaration of Independence was modeled on that inspirational
9 document; and

10 WHEREAS, the Declaration of Arbroath contains the lines, "For
11 we fight not for glory, nor riches, nor honors, but for freedom
12 alone, which no man gives up except with his life," daring words
13 that will not lie quiet and will never be forgotten; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi possesses a rich history
15 filled with the character and strength of a truly diverse
16 population, including many Scots and Scotch-Irish; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has 38 towns and cities
18 with names appearing on the map of Scotland and 67 towns, cities,
19 and counties with the names of Scottish families who came to
20 America; and

21 WHEREAS, acknowledging the important role that Scottish
22 Americans played in the founding of this nation and recognizing
23 the monumental achievements and invaluable contributions made by
24 Scottish Americans that have led to America's preeminence in every
25 major facet of life, we honor them with the designation of a state
26 tartan; and

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
28 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
29 THEREIN, That we do hereby commemorate the anniversary of the
30 Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence,
31 and designate an official state tartan. A tartan is a plaid
32 textile design consisting of stripes of varying width and color
33 producing a repeating pattern. The pattern for the state tartan
34 shall be defined by a repeating design of distinguished colors,
35 which shall be more particularly described as follows: dark green
36 for the never-ending forests of pine and evergreen leaves of the
37 magnolia; light green for the lustrous leaves of the great
38 southern oaks; blue for the waters of the world-famous Mississippi
39 River and the many lakes within the state; red for the color in
40 our state flag and the bloodshed in our historic past; white for
41 the beautiful sands of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the cotton
42 fields; and yellow for the heart of the magnolia, our beautiful
43 state flower.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this tartan shall be known as
45 the Mississippi tartan and may be freely used by any and all
46 organizations, societies, and individuals affiliated with the
47 State of Mississippi.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
49 furnished to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.