

By: Senator(s) Wilemon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 617

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND DISTINGUISHED  
2 PUBLIC SERVICE OF FORMER MISSISSIPPI REPRESENTATIVE J.O.  
3 SOUTHWARD, JR., OF TISHOMINGO, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING THE  
4 SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, former Mississippi State Representative and World  
6 War II veteran J.O. Southward, Jr., of Tishomingo, Mississippi,  
7 passed away on Friday, March 17, 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Southward was an Army veteran of  
9 World War II, and served in the Mississippi House of  
10 Representatives from 1952 to 1956; and

11 WHEREAS, he formerly served on the Board of Trustees of  
12 Northeast Mississippi Junior College, and was a former Board of  
13 Directors of Timber Hills. He was a Scottish Rite Mason, and was  
14 a member of Tishomingo Lodge #522 F&AM; and

15 WHEREAS, he was a former graduate Assistant to the Dean of  
16 Political Science and History at Mississippi State University, and  
17 was a member of the Woodmen of the World; and

18 WHEREAS, he also served as a Colonel under several  
19 Mississippi governors. He loved the history and people of the  
20 Town of Tishomingo; and

21 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, John and  
22 Dulcie Southward. Survivors include his fiancée and best friend,  
23 Linda Hester of Iuka; six cousins, Peggy Page (Willis), Sis  
24 Bickerstaff, Mary McNatt and Fairless Southward, all of  
25 Tishomingo, Hal Southward of Saltillo and Joe Southward of Tunica;  
26 and numerous other cousins and friends:

27           WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this  
28 former legislator and veteran whose dedication to public service  
29 is a matter of record:

30           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
31 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
32 we do hereby commend the life and distinguished public service of  
33 former Mississippi Representative J.O. Southward, Jr., of  
34 Tishomingo, Mississippi, and express to his surviving family and  
35 friends the sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
37 the surviving family of Representative Southward and be made  
38 available to the Capitol Press Corps.