

By: Senator(s) Wilemon, Hyde-Smith,
Pickering, White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 535

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING MRS.
2 EFFIE LUCILLE NICHOLSON PHARR, THE LAST "REAL DAUGHTER" OF THE
3 CONFEDERACY RESIDING IN MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Effie Lucille Nicholson Pharr is a very petite,
5 unique 92-year-old lady. Born on August 30, 1914, she is the last
6 known living "Real Daughter" of the Confederacy living in
7 Mississippi, which means she is the daughter of a Confederate
8 soldier who fought in The War Between the States; and

9 WHEREAS, her father was Thomas Jefferson Nicholson (T.J.).
10 Effie was born when her father was 72 years "young"; and

11 WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson Nicholson was a member of the A2nd
12 Company, Mississippi Infantry Regiment of CSA. He served from
13 1861 to late 1864. He was furloughed in late 1864 because of
14 illness. He was unable to rejoin his company because the federals
15 were blocking the way to his unit in Richmond, Virginia. He
16 joined another company and participated in most every major
17 campaign with General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, after the war he resided in Prentiss County,
20 Mississippi, in the Zion Rest Community for over 20 years, where
21 he ran a store, grist mill and shoed horses until his death. He
22 is buried at Marietta Methodist Church. T.J. Nicholson was born
23 in Franklin County, Alabama, March 3, 1843. After the war, he had
24 worked towards bringing peace and progress back to his country.
25 He served faithfully in war and was just as true and faithful as a
26 citizen; and

27 WHEREAS, he was twice married. First to Miss Sallie
28 Armstrong, who passed away in 1904. To this union, 11 children
29 were born, 5 boys and 6 girls, and 2 boys and 4 girls survived.
30 Later he was married to Mrs. Levada Finch Howell, and 6 children
31 were born to them. One died in childhood and his wife and 5 of
32 these children survived, including Effie, who is now 92 years old;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, Effie's mother, Levada Clementine Finch, sewed for
35 the public for many years. She was also a Nurses Aide for over 20
36 years at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. She was
37 married to Fred Pharr and had 5 children; 1 died as an infant and
38 has 4 living children: Mary Rhodes of Booneville, Mississippi;
39 Tommie Griffin of Prattville, Alabama; Sue Flanders of Parson,
40 Georgia; and Jack Pharr of Cathlamett, Washington; and

41 WHEREAS, to place Mrs. Pharr's life in perspective, in 1914,
42 the year of her birth, Woodrow Wilson was President of the United
43 States; the country was debating whether or not to enter World War
44 I; the Philadelphia Athletics beat the New York Giants in the
45 World Series; a new house cost \$4,200.00; the average annual wage
46 was \$630; a loaf of bread was 5¢, and a half-gallon of milk was
47 17¢. The most amazing technological event in her lifetime to date
48 has been the moon-landing and space shuttles; however, during her
49 lifetime she has witnessed the mass use of the automobile, the
50 radio, the phonograph and television as means of mass
51 communication; and

52 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the Sons of
53 Confederate Veterans in recognizing and honoring Mrs. Effie
54 Lucille Nicholson Pharr and the service of her father, T.J.
55 Nicholson, who fought to defend his homeland and contributed to
56 the rebuilding of the country as a model citizen of the State of
57 Mississippi:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
59 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That

60 we do hereby recognize and commend Mrs. Effie Lucille Nicholson
61 Pharr of Booneville, Mississippi, the last "Real Daughter" of the
62 Confederacy residing in the State of Mississippi, on the occasion
63 of her presentation by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and
64 extend to her the best wishes of the Legislature in her future
65 endeavors.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
67 Mrs. Pharr and appropriate officers in the Sons of Confederate
68 Veterans and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.