

By: Senator(s) Fillingane

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING MRS. MARY ROSALEE
2 JOHNSON BOUNDS AS A "REAL DAUGHTER" OF THE CONFEDERACY RESIDING IN
3 MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Mary Rosalee Johnson Bounds is an alert, outgoing
5 89-year-old lady born on March 7, 1918. She is a "Real Daughter"
6 of the Confederacy, meaning she is the daughter of a Confederate
7 soldier who fought in The War Between the States; and

8 WHEREAS, her father was Daniel Johnson. Mary was born when
9 her father was 77 years old; and

10 WHEREAS, Daniel Johnson was born in 1841 and on July 15,
11 1861, at the age of 19, he enlisted in Company H, 14th Mississippi
12 Infantry Regiment of the Confederate States of America at Newton
13 County, Mississippi. Like the majority of other soldiers in this
14 war, Daniel did not own slaves, nor did his family. He was
15 fighting, not to keep or hold slaves, but to preserve his southern
16 culture. He was captured at Fort Donaldson, Tennessee, when it
17 fell to Union Commander Ulysses S. Grant on February 16, 1862.
18 After enduring several months as a prisoner at Camp Douglas,
19 Illinois, in September of the same year, his unit boarded the
20 steamer John H. Done and was taken to Vicksburg where they were
21 exchanged and, immediately afterwards, reorganized. Under the
22 command of Major G.R. Gerald, the same regiment surrendered on May
23 4, 1865, at Citronelle, Alabama, and were paroled at Meridian,
24 Mississippi, on May 9, 1865; and

25 WHEREAS, after the war, Daniel Johnson remained in
26 Mississippi, living most of his life in Lamar County in the
27 Bellevue Community where he farmed to support his family. He died

28 in 1926 and is buried at the Rawls Cemetery in Sumrall,
29 Mississippi. After the war, he lived peacefully as a
30 well-respected member of the community. He served faithfully in
31 war and was just as true and faithful as a citizen; and

32 WHEREAS, he married his third wife, Miss Mary Josephine
33 Ainsworth, July 11, 1902, in Marion County, Mississippi. She died
34 September 17, 1951, and is buried in the Rawls Cemetery in Lamar
35 County, Mississippi. To this union, four children were born, one
36 boy and three girls, including Mary, who is now 89 years old and
37 the last surviving child of the couple; and

38 WHEREAS, Mary married Columbus Rankin Bounds on November 14,
39 1931, in Lamar County, Mississippi. Columbus died on June 8,
40 1994, and is buried at the Rawls Cemetery in Lamar County,
41 Mississippi. Eight children were born to this union, five sons
42 and three daughters. Of these, four are deceased, Laverne
43 Columbus Bounds, Carl D. Bounds, Danny Bounds and Beverly Bounds
44 Collins. Gerald Bounds resides in Ocean Side, California; Burnell
45 Bounds lives in Northport, Florida; Lesia Bounds Jordan lives in
46 Petal, Mississippi; and Judy Bounds Carter makes her home in the
47 Richburg Community in Lamar County, Mississippi; and

48 WHEREAS, to place Mrs. Bounds' life in perspective, only a
49 few months after she was born on March 7, 1917, President Woodrow
50 Wilson declared war and the American Quartet was singing *Goodbye*
51 *Broadway, Hello France*. During the span of her 89 years, she has
52 lived through two World Wars, seen 16 U.S. Presidents elected, and
53 experienced the Great Depression. She has witnessed the
54 introduction of the automobile, television and computer
55 technology, and recalls listening to *The Grand Ole Opry* on
56 Saturday night radio; and

57 WHEREAS, April is "Confederate Heritage Month" in Mississippi
58 and across the nation, and it is appropriate that we acknowledge
59 that The War Between the States was an important crossroads in our
60 history; and

61 WHEREAS, Mary is a member of the United Daughters of the
62 Confederacy, Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee, Chapter #2583, Purvis,
63 Mississippi, and it is with pride that we join them in recognizing
64 and honoring Mrs. Mary Rosalee Johnson Bounds and the service of
65 her father, Daniel Johnson, who fought to defend his homeland and
66 contributed to the rebuilding of the country as a model citizen of
67 the State of Mississippi:

68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
69 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize and commend Mrs. Mary
70 Rosalee Johnson Bounds of Moselle, Mississippi, as a "Real
71 Daughter" of the Confederacy residing in the State of Mississippi,
72 on the occasion of her presentation by the United Daughters of the
73 Confederacy, and extend to her the best wishes of the Senate in
74 her future endeavors.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
76 Mrs. Bounds and appropriate officers in the United Daughters of
77 the Confederacy and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.