

By: Senator(s) Polk, Barnett, Burton,  
Clarke, Dearing, Frazier, Jackson (11th),  
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To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 606

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 24, 2016, AS  
2 "UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH DAY IN MISSISSIPPI" TO EMPHASIZE THE VALUE  
3 OF SCHOLARLY INQUIRY AND THE APPLICATION OF RESEARCH TO THE  
4 EDUCATION OF FUTURE LEADERS.

5 WHEREAS, on March 24, 2016, undergraduates from all eight  
6 public universities in Mississippi will be sharing the results of  
7 their independent research efforts in an event called Posters in  
8 the Rotunda in the State Capitol. Mississippi will be the 18th  
9 state in the nation to hold such showcase, and it will be a  
10 wonderful opportunity for the students to talk with legislators  
11 and the media about the contributions that their work makes to the  
12 economic, scientific, and cultural missions of the state and its  
13 residents; and

14 WHEREAS, research activity at our public universities  
15 illustrates the value Mississippi places on scholarly inquiry and  
16 the application of this expertise to understanding and improving  
17 our world and educating future leaders; and

18 WHEREAS, our universities offer hundreds of programs of study  
19 for superior academic experiences that provide each graduate with



20 the background necessary for a lifetime of scholastic, social and  
21 professional growth. Mississippi university faculty, staff and  
22 students participating in research projects are being recognized  
23 by such prestigious groups as the Carnegie Classification of  
24 Institutions of Higher Education, which is the definitive list for  
25 the top research universities in the United States; and

26 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we honor these students  
27 who have brought honor to their universities, their communities  
28 and to the State of Mississippi:

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
30 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
31 we do hereby designate March 24, 2016, as "Undergraduate Research  
32 Day in Mississippi" to emphasize the value of scholarly inquiry  
33 and the application of research to the education of future  
34 leaders, and encourage all Mississippians to support their  
35 research universities.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
37 the students and faculty participating in the Posters in the  
38 Rotunda exhibition, forwarded to the Board of Trustees of State  
39 Institutions of Higher Learning, and made available to the Capitol  
40 Press Corps.

