

By: Senator(s) Burton, Barnett, DeBar,
Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 567

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE GRAND LODGE OF
2 MISSISSIPPI OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR
3 UPCOMING BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

4 WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi of Free and Accepted
5 Masons is an organization dedicated to the ancient landmarks of
6 the Order of Freemasonry; and

7 WHEREAS, on June 24, 2017, all Masons wheresoever dispersed
8 celebrated 300 years of Freemasonry; and

9 WHEREAS, on July 27, 1818, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi of
10 Free and Accepted Masons was officially established in Natchez,
11 Mississippi, by delegates from territorial lodges warranted almost
12 15 years prior to the recognition of the newly established State
13 of Mississippi; and

14 WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi prior to 1871 was an
15 unincorporated, voluntary association of persons, but in said year
16 and about the 10th day of April, 1871, the Grand Lodge procured a
17 charter in perpetual succession by an act of the Mississippi
18 Legislature, which through its principal officers governs and



19 regulates the Masonic Fraternity within the State of Mississippi;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Masons are taught that all men are equal and
22 individual freedom of thought and action, as well as morality and
23 ethics, are the concepts and ideals upon which the Order is
24 founded; and

25 WHEREAS, by teaching the great principles of Brotherly Love,
26 Relief and Truth and through its fellowship, its compassion and
27 its concern, Freemasonry enables men to serve God, family,
28 country, neighbors and self; and

29 WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Mississippi today consists of
30 more than 16,000 Master Masons and 239 Lodges located in nearly
31 every community across the state, as well as other appendant
32 Masonic bodies such as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of
33 Freemasonry and the York Rite, and other affiliated bodies such as
34 Shriners International, National Sojourners, Order of the Eastern
35 Star, DeMolay International, and International Order of the
36 Rainbow; and

37 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend
38 the success, accomplishments and contributions of this fine
39 institution in Mississippi for its civic contributions and
40 service, as well as the long legacy of civic contributions and
41 service of its members:

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



44 we do hereby recognize the Grand Lodge of Mississippi F&AM upon
45 the occasion of their upcoming Bicentennial Celebration, to be
46 held in Natchez, Mississippi, on July 27, 2018.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 representatives of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi F&AM and made
49 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

