

By: Senator(s) Caughman, Burton, Dearing,
Doty, Jackson (32nd), McDaniel

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 600

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMEMORATING THE
2 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BOSWELL
3 REGIONAL CENTER IN SANATORIUM, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, we join the residents, administration and staff of
5 Boswell Regional Center in commemorating the Centennial
6 Celebration of the establishment of their beautiful campus and
7 institution; and

8 WHEREAS, during the 1916 session of the Mississippi
9 Legislature, the Mississippi Tuberculosis Sanatorium was created
10 for the "prevention and treatment of Tuberculosis" and placed
11 under the State Department of Health. Citizens of Magee donated
12 200 acres of land, and the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad donated
13 \$2,000.00 for the construction of the Sanatorium. Dr. Walter
14 Rowan was the first Superintendent, but his health failed during
15 the building process. Dr. Henry Boswell took over in 1917; and

16 WHEREAS, with \$25,000.00 from the Legislature, Dr. Boswell
17 oversaw the construction of several buildings and a TB hospital.
18 On February 4, 1918, the first group of 12 patients entered the



19 hospital for treatment. A \$1,000,000.00 appropriation helped
20 build a modern Sanatorium that could treat 75 patients. In 1930,
21 Dr. Boswell opened the Preventorium to house and treat children
22 who were either suffering from TB or were malnourished and in
23 danger of contracting the disease; and

24 WHEREAS, the Sanatorium, or "The San," as it was called, was
25 home for several families who lived and worked on the grounds.
26 According to a newspaper article, "When Dr. Boswell created the
27 Sanatorium, he created a little world." A 623-acre working farm
28 provided fresh milk, chicken and eggs, and the lake and golf
29 course offered on-site recreation. A bakery, butcher shop,
30 laundry, movie theater, water tower, fire department, and post
31 office with its own zip code, provided patients, staff and
32 residents everything they needed without having to cross under the
33 depot entrance and leave the grounds. Underground tunnels made
34 transporting laundry across campus easier than pushing carts over
35 the rolling grounds; and

36 WHEREAS, as cases of TB became more rare, "The San" was given
37 to Ellisville State School in 1972 to treat those with mental
38 retardation. The center is now operated by the Mississippi
39 Department of Mental Health and is known as Boswell Regional
40 Center; and

41 WHEREAS, memories of life at "The San" remain in the hearts
42 and minds of those who once lived and worked at this special
43 place; and



44 WHEREAS, a century of history includes Boswell success
45 stories, memories left by hundreds of physicians, nurses, staff
46 members, patients and individuals, and breathtaking natural beauty
47 that has endured through time. Here's to the next 100 years:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
50 we do hereby recognize and commemorate the 100th Anniversary
51 Celebration of the establishment of Boswell Regional Center in
52 Sanatorium, Mississippi.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 the Director and staff of Boswell Regional Center, forwarded to
55 the State Board of Mental Health, and made available to the
56 Capitol Press Corps.

