

By: Senator(s) McCaughn, Kirby, Blackwell,
Blount, Simmons (13th), England, Barnett,
Butler (38th), McDaniel

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

1 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF SAINT PATRICK'S
2 DAY AND RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC LINKS BETWEEN
3 IRELAND AND MISSISSIPPI AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
4 AMERICAN-IRISH STATE LEGISLATORS CAUCUS.

5 WHEREAS, on March 17th, during the annual celebration of the
6 Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, Irish
7 Americans join with men, women and children of all ethnic origins
8 who, for one day, are considered honorary Irish and may celebrate
9 Saint Patrick and love of Ireland; and

10 WHEREAS, on Saint Patrick's Day, all who wear green live in
11 the spirit of Saint Patrick, Brigid and Colmcille whose 1500th
12 anniversary as patron saints occurred during the last year; and

13 WHEREAS, Irish immigrants helped form the cultural foundation
14 of the United States, and those of Irish lineage today proudly
15 sing their support for Ireland; and

16 WHEREAS, Mississippi has always had a strong history of
17 American Irish Relations. The Irish came to the Mississippi Delta
18 in the 1830s and were often considered expendable workers. Irish
19 day laborers were expected to work at the most dangerous and



20 unpleasant jobs, such as heavy construction in malaria-infested
21 areas. Natchez, Holly Springs and many areas of the Mississippi
22 Delta were settled by Irish immigrants; and

23 WHEREAS, the songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love
24 and the joyous songs of battle: the nostalgic reveries of the
25 sorrows and the glories that are the Emerald Isle; and the
26 lamentations of life's myriad travails and the odes to joy and the
27 life eternal; and

28 WHEREAS, we celebrate the establishment of the American Irish
29 State Legislators Caucus with its aim of fostering and
30 strengthening the long-standing relationship that exists between
31 the United States of America and Ireland to the mutual benefit of
32 both countries with leadership in all 50 states:

33 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
34 MISSISSIPPI, That we commemorate the celebration of the Feast of
35 Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate is
37 hereby authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy
38 of this resolution to Senator Mark Daly, Chair of the Senate of
39 Ireland, which on this year celebrates its 100th Anniversary and
40 the National Co-Chairs of the American Irish State Legislators
41 Caucus, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

