

By: Representative Wallace

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 79

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING SIMPSON COUNTY,
2 MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY
3 OBSERVANCE ON JULY 4, 2024.

4 WHEREAS, founded on January 23, 1824, located in
5 south-central Mississippi and named for Josiah Simpson, a
6 Pennsylvania settler, territorial judge and political figure, who
7 served as a delegate to Mississippi's Constitutional Convention,
8 Simpson County will celebrate its Bicentennial Anniversary,
9 acknowledging 200 years of rich and historical excellence; and

10 WHEREAS, a small county on the northern side of the Piney
11 Woods area, Mendenhall serves as the county seat, and its history
12 grows from other populous communities which include Magee, D'Lo,
13 Braxton, Pinola, Harrisville, Weathersby, Sanatorium and
14 Westville; and

15 WHEREAS, at the time of its founding, Simpson County was one
16 of the most attractive counties of the great Southwest, and grew
17 rapidly in the first twenty years after its opening for
18 settlement, which has been attributed to glowing accounts of



19 promise relayed by the early settlers from Scotland, New England,
20 Virginia and the Carolinas back to their relatives; and

21 WHEREAS, with crystal clear springs, fertile soil along the
22 rivers' banks and sprawling stands of timber that stood in
23 magnificent grandeur for miles on end, Simpson County's land mass
24 spans 589.2 square miles, the 34th largest county in Mississippi
25 by total area, and which is, today, the homestead to approximately
26 26,000 individuals, an explosive boom from the 1,830 population
27 recorded in the 1830 Federal Census; and

28 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
29 pay tribute to an outstanding county such as Simpson County, which
30 is a place where the inclusive quality of life remains of
31 paramount importance and where its values stand as a model
32 throughout the great State of Mississippi:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
35 recognize and commend Simpson County, Mississippi, upon the
36 outstanding occasion of its Bicentennial Anniversary, and extend
37 best wishes for great success in all its future endeavors.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 furnished to Simpson County Board of Supervisors and to the
40 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

