

By: Senator(s) Berry, McLendon

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 67

1 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING SIMPSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, UPON
2 THE OCCASION OF ITS BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE ON JULY 4,
3 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 on July
9 4, 2024, acknowledging 200 years of rich and historical
10 excellence; and

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

16 WHEREAS, at the time of its founding, Simpson County was one
17 of the most attractive counties of the great Southwest, and grew
18 rapidly in the first 20 years after its opening for settlement,



19 which had been attributed to positive accounts of agricultural and
20 economic promise relayed home to relatives by the early settlers
21 from Scotland, New England, Virginia and the Carolinas; and

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

29 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the citizens of
30 Simpson County in paying tribute to the history and legacy of this
31 area where outstanding quality of life and positive values stand
32 as a model throughout the great State of Mississippi:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
34 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commemorate Simpson County,
35 Mississippi, upon the occasion of its Bicentennial Anniversary,
36 and extend our best wishes during this celebration.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
38 the Simpson County Board of Supervisors and made available to the
39 Capitol Press Corps.

