

By: Senator(s) Hamilton, Stogner, Gordon,
Little, Smith, Chaney, Burton

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 519

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF STATE
2 ENTOMOLOGIST ROBERT MCCARTY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, AND
3 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE ON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Robert McCarty, veteran State Entomologist and
5 Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry for the Mississippi
6 Department of Agriculture and Commerce, passed away on October 28,
7 2000; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. McCarty was a native of Clark County and was
9 educated in the Enterprise public schools; he received his
10 Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Entomology from
11 Mississippi State University; and

12 WHEREAS, he began his agricultural career as a Pest
13 Management Consultant in DeSoto County and later assumed the
14 position as Assistant County Extension Agent for Sharkey and
15 Issaquena Counties; in 1967, he accepted a position with the State
16 Plant Board as a District Entomologist; during his tenure with the
17 board, which was renamed the Bureau of Plant Industry, he served
18 as Deputy Director in 1985 and Director in 1993; he served under
19 two State Agriculture Commissioners, the late Jim Buck Ross and
20 the present Commissioner, Lester Spell, Jr.; and

21 WHEREAS, Mississippi has lost a fine man in Robert McCarty;
22 he was committed in every way to doing an exemplary job for
23 everyone associated with agriculture; and

24 WHEREAS, he was active in many professional agricultural
25 organizations and was the recipient of numerous awards for merit
26 and outstanding service, including the 1986 Merit Award for
27 Service from the Mississippi Entomological Association, the 1998

28 Distinguished Service Award from the Catfish Farmers of America
29 and Catfish Farmers of Mississippi, and the 1998 Distinguished
30 Service Award from the Mississippi Entomological Association; he
31 was a member of the First Baptist Church of Starkville; and

32 WHEREAS, he was a man who could be depended on in every way;
33 he was a wonderful father, and he took care of things, both at
34 work and at home; he was an extremely dedicated, loyal and hard-
35 working employee for the State of Mississippi; he loved his work
36 and it showed he was a role model and a leader for many people; he
37 was a constant and steady man who led by example; he was a mentor;
38 and he will be missed; and

39 WHEREAS, it is with much sadness that we note the passing of
40 this dedicated public servant who has served as a role model and
41 brought honor to the State of Mississippi:

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 commend the life of State Entomologist Robert McCarty
45 of Starkville, Mississippi, and express the sympathy of the
46 Legislature to his wife, Frances, son, Jack McCarty, and daughter,
47 Robin Brown, upon his passing.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
49 the surviving family of Robert McCarty and be made available to
50 the Capitol Press Corps.