

By: Senator(s) Thames

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 597

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING EUGENE C. TULLOS FOR HIS  
2 MANY CONTRIBUTIONS IN DOCUMENTING THE HISTORY OF SMITH COUNTY,  
3 MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Eugene C. Tullos has made many contributions in  
5 documenting the history of Smith County, Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Tullos has identified, along with the Department  
7 of Archives and History, historical markers designating the old  
8 Harrison Hotel; the birthplace of Mississippi Governor and United  
9 States Senator Anselm McLaurin; antebellum Boykin Church; the  
10 Smith County Courthouse; and locations of Colonel Benjamin's  
11 calvary force crossing the McAdore Bridge over Leaf River on its  
12 mission through Mississippi as part of General Ulysses S. Grant's  
13 Vicksburg Campaign; and

14 WHEREAS, Eugene C. Tullos has thoroughly researched and  
15 written articles appearing monthly in *The Smith County Reformer*  
16 highlighting notable Smith Countians and memorable events in Smith  
17 County history, thus keeping alive the vibrant past of the county;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Eugene C. Tullos has, after countless hours and  
20 telephone calls, obtained photographs of numerous Smith Countians  
21 who served in the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War  
22 and Vietnam War, and he has shared, for posterity, a permanent  
23 monument of those men and women from Smith County who gave the  
24 supreme sacrifice in combat in World War II, the Korean War and  
25 the Vietnam War by displaying their photographs in the Smith  
26 County Courthouse; and



27           WHEREAS, Eugene C. Tullos is commemorating those Smith County  
28 veterans who served in combat situations in World Wars I and II,  
29 the Korean War and the Vietnam War by having their names engraved  
30 in a marble monument erected on the Smith County Courthouse lawn  
31 which will be a reminder to all persons of the participation of  
32 men and women from all over Smith County in keeping our nation  
33 free from foreign tyranny; and

34           WHEREAS, the waiting room of the Tullos Building is covered  
35 with copies of photos and newspaper articles of interest to Smith  
36 Countians and to those who are interested in Mississippi history;  
37 and

38           WHEREAS, people from all over the United States have visited  
39 Raleigh, Mississippi, to view the photographs of the slain  
40 soldiers, sailors and marines exhibited in the courthouse and the  
41 "wallpaper" in the Tullos Building; and

42           WHEREAS, hardly a day passes without someone coming by the  
43 Tullos Building only to look at the photographs of their  
44 ancestors, old friends and neighbors, or to discover for  
45 themselves the exciting past of Smith County, Mississippi; and

46           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize and commend  
47 outstanding citizens, such as Eugene C. Tullos:

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 commend Eugene C. Tullos for his many contributions  
51 in documenting the history of Smith County, Mississippi.

52           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
53 furnished to Eugene C. Tullos and made available to the Capitol  
54 Press Corps.

