

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 585

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
2 COPIAH-LINCOLN COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPON ITS 75 YEARS OF SERVICE IN  
3 PROVIDING HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, in the fall of 1915, Copiah-Lincoln Agricultural  
5 High School was created as a boarding school serving the rural  
6 districts of Copiah and Lincoln Counties; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1928, under the authority of Section 308, Chapter  
8 283, of the General Laws of the State of Mississippi of 1924,  
9 Copiah-Lincoln Junior College was organized to meet the  
10 educational needs beyond the level of the 12th Grade serving  
11 Copiah and Lincoln Counties; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1928, Russell Ellzey became the first president  
13 of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1932, James Malcomb Ewing became the second  
15 president of Co-Lin Junior College until 1956; and

16 WHEREAS, Willie H. Smith was named an acting president and  
17 the third president of Co-Lin from 1943-1945; and

18 WHEREAS, two additional counties requested an opportunity to  
19 join in the support of Copiah-Lincoln, allowing their county  
20 students the benefits of the two-year college: Simpson County in  
21 1934 and Franklin County in 1948; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1956, Francis Marion Fortenberry became the  
23 fourth president of Co-Lin; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1967, Jefferson County requested an opportunity  
25 to join in the support of Copiah-Lincoln, allowing Jefferson  
26 County students the benefits of the two-year college; and



27           WHEREAS, in 1968, Billy Bass Thames became the fifth  
28 president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College until his retirement in  
29 1997; and

30           WHEREAS, in 1971, Adams County requested an opportunity to  
31 join in the support of Copiah-Lincoln; and

32           WHEREAS, in the fall of 1972, Copiah-Lincoln opened a branch  
33 campus in Natchez, Mississippi, to better meet the educational  
34 needs of the citizens of that area; and

35           WHEREAS, on July 1, 1988, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College was  
36 renamed Copiah-Lincoln Community College, as approved by the  
37 Legislature and the Board of Trustees to reflect Co-Lin's  
38 continuing service to the community, its young people, adults and  
39 senior citizens; and

40           WHEREAS, in 1997, Howell C. Garner became the sixth president  
41 of Co-Lin; and

42           WHEREAS, in 1997, Copiah-Lincoln opened a facility in Simpson  
43 County to better meet the educational needs of the citizens of  
44 that area; and

45           WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1928, Copiah-Lincoln has  
46 continued to grow in size and prestige, now occupying a prominent  
47 position in the state's educational system; and

48           WHEREAS, Copiah-Lincoln has a long tradition of excellence,  
49 providing two full years of academic education preparing students  
50 to transfer to a senior institution; and

51           WHEREAS, Copiah-Lincoln provides a variety of educational  
52 programs that includes adult basic education, continuing education  
53 and community services programs for individuals striving for  
54 professional growth and/or personal enrichment; and

55           WHEREAS, Copiah-Lincoln has offered outstanding career and  
56 technical programs to prepare students to enter the workforce; and

57           WHEREAS, Copiah-Lincoln continues to meet the educational and  
58 training needs of the local community through its quality programs  
59 and services; and



60 WHEREAS, Copiah-Lincoln maintains a strong commitment to the  
61 use of state-of-the-art technology in all college programs and  
62 services; and

63 WHEREAS, in 2003, Copiah-Lincoln is celebrating its 75th  
64 Anniversary and has chosen as its theme "A Celebration of  
65 Learning, Community and Commitment", which appropriately describes  
66 Copiah-Lincoln's rich history and its philosophy for the future;  
67 and

68 WHEREAS, Copiah-Lincoln will share a time of remembrance,  
69 reminiscence, fellowship and appreciation with yearlong events;  
70 and

71 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize this  
72 landmark in the history of Copiah-Lincoln Community College which  
73 has grown in size, gained status within the college system and  
74 serves the citizens of its district and the State of Mississippi  
75 by providing a quality education rivaling that of any institution,  
76 regardless of size:

77 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
78 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
79 we do hereby commend and congratulate Copiah-Lincoln Community  
80 College for its rich tradition of providing quality education to  
81 its service area and to the citizens of the State of Mississippi,  
82 on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary, and extend to the  
83 President and Board of Trustees of Copiah-Lincoln Community  
84 College the best wishes of the Legislature on this landmark event.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
86 President Howell C. Garner, in conjunction with anniversary  
87 activities, and be forwarded to the State Board for Community and  
88 Junior Colleges and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

