

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.

