

By: Senator(s) Gollott, Hewes

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF
2 JACOBINA SEKUL GILICH AND EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY UPON
3 HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jacobina "Jackie" Sekul Gilich departed this
5 life on Tuesday, January 28, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gilich was a native of Biloxi, Mississippi, and
7 a lifetime parishioner of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8 Cathedral in Biloxi; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gilich was an astute businesswoman, who along
10 with her husband, Andrew M. Gilich, had the foresight to open
11 Biloxi's first supermarket, Foodland, in 1946; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gilich was an energetic and caring person who
13 was involved in all facets of her community; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gilich was a charter member of the Altrusa
15 Club, Notre Dame Mother's Club, a 55-year member of the Tuesday
16 Coffee Club, Biloxi High School PTA, Nativity Elementary PTA,
17 Biloxi High School and Sacred Heart Band Boosters, Biloxi Little
18 Theatre, Metropolitan Dinner Club and Gulf Coast Symphony; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gilich also served her community through the
20 Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors of the American Red
21 Cross and as Chairman of the Harrison County March of Dimes; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gilich was active in politics, campaigning for
23 John F. Kennedy as Chairman of the Harrison County Ladies for
24 Kennedy; and

25 WHEREAS, Mrs. Gilich attended the Inauguration of Presidents
26 John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard M. Nixon; and



27 WHEREAS, the legacy and memory of Mrs. Jacobina "Jackie"
28 Sekul Gilich will live on in the lives of all who knew and loved
29 her, especially her family; husband, Andrew M. Gilich; sons, Jim
30 Wetzel, Stephen Wetzel and Andrew Gilich; daughters, Andrea G.
31 Touart and Jaye Brice; sister, Claire Sekul Hornsby; 13
32 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Senate of the State of
34 Mississippi to recognize and commend such outstanding citizens as
35 Mrs. Jacobina "Jackie" Sekul Gilich, whose contributions have
36 bettered their communities and the state:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life and contributions
39 of Mrs. Jacobina Sekul Gilich and express our deepest sympathy to
40 her family.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
42 presented to the family of Mrs. Jacobina "Jackie" Sekul Gilich.

