

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 559

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MAY 27, 2007, AS "RACHEL
2 CARSON DAY IN MISSISSIPPI" TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE POTENTIALLY
3 SERIOUS HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH CHEMICAL PESTICIDES.

4 WHEREAS, worldwide exposure to chemical pesticides brings
5 about greater harm than most people realize; and

6 WHEREAS, more than three billion kilograms of pesticides are
7 spread on the earth annually, exposing both human and wildlife
8 populations to chemicals, with potentially serious repercussions
9 for life everywhere; and

10 WHEREAS, our children are uniquely vulnerable to chemical
11 pesticides due to their developing physiology and to their habit
12 of frequently putting their hands into their mouths; and

13 WHEREAS, chemical pesticides applied outdoors are washed into
14 our waterways and our drinking water sources. Several types of
15 cancer, neurological diseases, endocrine disorders and birth
16 defects have all been associated with exposure to common
17 pesticides; and

18 WHEREAS, pregnant women, children, asthmatics, cancer
19 patients, elderly and other immune compromised people and
20 migratory birds are all highly vulnerable to toxic effects of
21 chemical pesticides; and

22 WHEREAS, more than 40 years ago, the well-known writer,
23 scientist and ecologist Rachel Carson alerted America and the
24 world to the potential hazards of pesticides in her landmark book,
25 *Silent Spring*. Despite the warning, the quantity of pesticides
26 used in our country has continued to grow over the years and poses
27 a potential threat to all life forms:

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
29 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
30 we do hereby designate May 27, 2007, as "Rachel Carson Day in
31 Mississippi" in honor of her prophetic work, and urge the citizens
32 of Mississippi to focus their attention on the potentially serious
33 hazards associated with chemical pesticides, and for their
34 cooperation in seeking alternative methods of pest management.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to
36 the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators and be made
37 available to the Capitol Press Corps.