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## MISSISSIPPI SENATE AND HOUSE HONOR GRAND LODGE BICENTENNIAL

JACKSON, MS - The Grand Lodge of Mississippi praises the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 567 which celebrates the Grand Lodge of Mississippi F&AM and its upcoming Bicentennial Celebration. The Grand Lodge consists of more than 16,000 members and 239 lodges located across the state. The Grand Lodge is the governing body in a geographical area, usually state. Mississippi's Grand Lodge was officially organized on July 27, 1818 in Natchez, soon after Mississippi became a state. The organization will celebrate its bicentennial this year in Natchez.

The bill was sponsored and introduced by Senate Pro Tem Terry C. Burton of Newton in January and was adopted unanimously by both chambers. On February 9, the enrolled bill was signed by House Speaker Philip Gunn, Lt. Governor Tate Reeves and Senate Pro Tem Burton. Senator Burton is a member of Evergreen Lodge No. 57 in Decatur, Meridian York Rite Bodies and Hamasa Shriners in Marion. Burton has served in the legislature for twenty-seven years representing Lauderdale, Newton, and Scott Counties.

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