

Senate approves Gold Star Families Week Resolution authored by Hyde-Smith

Sept. 20-26 designated to honor families in lead up to Gold Star Mother's Day

Press Release

The U.S. Senate late Thursday, July 30, approved a resolution introduced by U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) that establishes Sept. 20-26, 2020, as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Week" to honor the families of fallen members of the Armed Forces.

Gold Star Families Remembrance Week is a designated national period to honor the families of U.S. military servicemembers who lost their lives in ser-

vice to the nation. The week precedes Gold Star Mother's Day, which is observed on the last Sunday of September.

"With the passage of this bipartisan resolution, I encourage everyone to commit to doing everything they can to recognize, honor, and assist the families of the fallen and veterans," said Hyde-Smith, who introduced the first-ever Gold Star families week resolution in 2018.

Until passage of Hyde-Smith's 2018 resolution,

there was no formal recognition on a national level of the sacrifices made by families of the fallen. The Senate-passed resolution (S.Res.664) encourages Americans to perform acts of service and good will to honor "the families of members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in order to defend freedom and protect the United States, and the families of veterans of the Armed Forces."

U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Doug Jones (D-Ala.), Jackie Rosen (D-Nev.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), and Todd Young (R-Ind.) cosponsored S.Res.664.

The Senate also approved

MDOT urges residents to get their hurricane evacuation kits ready

Press Release

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) urges residents to get their hurricane evacuation kits ready before a hurricane threatens. A hurricane evacuation kit can help ensure you and your family have all the necessary items needed if a storm forces an evacuation.

When putting your evacuation kit together, some recommended items include drinking water for your family, cooking and pets,

a Hyde-Smith "Gold Star Families" amendment to the FY2021 National Defense Authorization Act.

non-perishable food to last 14 days, chargers, blankets, towels, prescription medicine and important documents.

Gather all of the items together now and keep them all together in one safe and easily accessible place.

"You shouldn't wait until an evacuation order is given to put together an evacuation kit," said Commissioner Tom King, Southern Transportation District. "When a hurricane threatens, many times supplies are limited and hard to find. To ensure your family doesn't go without, gather your emergency supplies in advance."

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, residents

should also plan to pack items needed for their protection. Face masks, hand sanitizer, gloves and disinfecting wipes are a few supplies people can add to their evacuation kits to help keep everyone safe.

To download the full hurricane evacuation kit checklist, and for more hurricane safety tips, visit GoMDOT.com/hurricanes.

During the storm, the public can stay updated on live travel and weather information 24/7 with MDOT's free travel resources. Visit MDOTtraffic.com or download the MDOT Traffic mobile app.

Follow @MississippiDOT on Facebook and Twitter along with the hashtag #HurricaneStrong this hurricane season.

"NOTICE OF A PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF LEXINGTON"

The City of Lexington will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for the fiscal year 2021 on Monday August 17, 5:30 p.m., at the City Hall located at 112 Spring Street, Lexington, MS.

The City of Lexington is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$1,118,725. \$360,000, or 32.18% of such revenue is obtained through Ad Valorem Taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$ 1,115,021. Of that amount, 32.29% or \$360,000 is to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for the fiscal year 2021 above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile, tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for the fiscal year 2021.

A millage rate of 52.75 will produce the same amount of revenue from ad valorem taxes as was collected the prior year. The millage rate for the prior year was 52.75.

Any citizen of the City of Lexington is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for the fiscal year 2021 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

Customer Appreciation Month set at the Mid-MS Regional Library System

Press Release

The Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System (MMRLS) is happy to announce it will be hosting "Customer Appreciation Month" online for its Attala, Holmes, Leake, Montgomery, and Winston County customers during the month of August.

Throughout this month-long event, library guests will be encouraged to leave a comment on the pinned post located on the MMRLS Facebook page (facebook.com/midmisslib) stating what their favorite book or movie is to be entered into a random drawing for a new 8" Amazon Fire HD Tablet.

The MMRLS Facebook page allows library customers to stay up to date about all the free, fun, and educational digital events and content being offered throughout the system's service area. It also has acted as the central hub for library digital programming this year.

Many MMRLS branch locations also have their own

dedicated Facebook page for guests who want more locally focused content.

"We think it is important to set aside an entire month to let our library guests know how much we appreciate their support. MMRLS has great support from our community and that has been in full display this year. We would like to thank all of our guests who have shared with us how much they enjoy the digital content and programming we have been providing throughout the COVID-19 pandemic," said Brandon Cain, MMRLS Marketing & Access Coordinator.

To follow MMRLS across all their social media accounts, search "midmisslib" on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. For more information, call or visit your local MMRLS branch library or the library's website midmisslib.com. All library services are made possible thanks to the continued financial support of your local elected officials.

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