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State SAR Society Supports Senate Bill To Create State America250 Commission

"As we envision the potential of this historic undertaking and the legacy it will leave, we look forward to working with you and hope you will soon join those states and territories that have already established their official America250 organizations."

Daniel M. DiLella
Chairman, U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission

Thanks to the America250 Foundation, Governor Reeves and First Lady Elee, Senators Chassaniol and Fillingane, and the Mississippi Society Sons of the American Revolution, Senate Bill 2873 has been introduced to establish an official organization in Mississippi to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States.

The United States Semiquincentennial Commission was formed by Congress to lead the nationwide commemoration of this historic milestone. The America250 Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, serves as the operational arm of the Commission. The Commission and Foundation envision the America250 commemoration as a monumental, multiyear initiative engaging all Americans in what is expected to be the largest and most inclusive observance in our nation's history.

Starting now and running into 2027, this nonpartisan initiative will celebrate the full scope of American history, from the pre-revolutionary era to today, engaging states, territories, tribal nations and organizations and communities across the country—all culminating in the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026.

State involvement is a top priority of the Commission and Foundation. They will work in full partnership with each state's official America250 organization to support and promote state- and community-led program activities. The proposed Mississippi America250 Commission will highlight Mississippi's unique stories and contributions to American history through special events, public art displays, museum exhibitions, and educational curriculums.

Since April 2021, the Mississippi State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has been actively engaged with its National Society and the Foundation in this legislation. The Societies proudly support and endorse the creation of a Mississippi America250 Commission, and will provide technical assistance when available and needed for the duration of the program.

Read the text of Senate Bill 2873 [here](#).

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