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RESOLUTION TO REMOVE HERBICIDE ORANGE FROM HARRISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI
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1/20/1977
HARRISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI CLERK

There came on for consideration the matter of the storage of Herbicide Orange at the CB Center and Supervisor Hue B. Snowden moved adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FROM THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO USE ITS POWER AND INFLUENCE TO AFFECT THE SPEEDY AND SAFE REMOVAL OF HERBICIDE ORANGE FROM THE U. S. NAVY CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, there are vast quantities of the dangerous chemical Herbicide Orange stored in open and untended areas ^{Not so.} on the U. S. Navy Construction Battalion Center in drums which are subjected to all types of weather and deterioration therefrom, and

WHEREAS, said chemical is believed to be extremely hazardous to the health of individuals by causing birth defects, cancer, and other physical infirmities and if allowed to remain in storage in Gulfport, Mississippi will constitute a continuing threat of serious proportions to both human life and property which could easily touch off a disaster that Harrison County would be helpless to cope with, and

WHEREAS, other states recognizing the dangers have refused to allow the Herbicide Orange to be brought across its lines while Harrison County and the State of Mississippi are saddled with the presence and threat of this chemical and this Board believes it should take all possible actions to protect its residents and their property from said dangers.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Harrison County, Mississippi that it does hereby memorialize the Mississippi Congressional Delegation, namely:

U. S. Senator James O. Eastland
U. S. Senator John C. Stennis
Representative Jamie L. Whitten - 1st Congressional District
Representative David R. Bowen - 2nd Congressional District
Representative G. V. Sonny Montgomery - 3rd Congressional District
Representative Thad Cochran - 4th Congressional District
Representative Trent Lott - 5th Congressional District

and does further memorialize the Environmental Protection Agency and the Mississippi Air & Water Pollution Control Commission to cause an immediate investigation to be made of the storage of Herbicide Orange at the U. S. Navy Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, Mississippi and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the speedy removal of said chemical from Harrison County in a safe and harmless manner so that maximum protection from the hazards of said chemical is given to all of the residents of Harrison County and the State of Mississippi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to immediately send a certified copy of this resolution to each member of Congress and each agency named above.

Supervisor LEROY URIE seconded the above and foregoing Motion whereupon the President put same to vote and all members present and voting having voted in the affirmative the President declared the Motion carried and the resolution adopted this the 18th day of January, 1977.

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HARRISON

I, G. N. CREEL, Clerk of the Chancery Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in and for Harrison County, State of Mississippi, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing transcript is a true and correct copy of an Order passed by the Board of Supervisors at their JANUARY Term, A.D., 1977, on the 18th day of JANUARY, 1977, as fully and completely as the same appears of record and remains on file in my office and of which I am the Official Custodian.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal of said Board of Supervisors, at my office in Gulfport, Mississippi, this the 20th day of January, A. D., 1977.

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G. N. Creel
Clerk of the Chancery Court and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors of Harrison County,
Mississippi

BY: Mary Lou Lee, D.C.