

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 614

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the publication of “To Kill a Mockingbird”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 5, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the publication of  
“To Kill a Mockingbird”.

Whereas Nelle Harper Lee was born on April 28, 1926, to Amasa Coleman Lee and Frances Finch in Monroeville, Alabama;

Whereas Nelle Harper Lee wrote the novel “To Kill a Mockingbird” portraying life in the 1930s in the fictional small southern town of Maycomb, Alabama, which was modeled on Monroeville, Alabama, the hometown of Ms. Lee;

Whereas “To Kill a Mockingbird” addressed the issue of racial inequality in the United States by revealing the humanity of a community grappling with moral conflict;

Whereas “To Kill a Mockingbird” was first published in 1960 and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1961;

Whereas “To Kill a Mockingbird” was the basis for the 1962 Academy Award-winning film of the same name starring Gregory Peck;

Whereas “To Kill a Mockingbird” is one of the great American novels of the 20th century, having been published in more than 40 languages and having sold more than 30,000,000 copies;

Whereas, in 2007, Nelle Harper Lee was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters;

Whereas, in 2007, President George W. Bush awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Nelle Harper Lee for her great contributions to literature and observed, “‘To Kill a Mockingbird’ has influenced the character of our country for the better”, and “As a model of good writing and humane sensibility, this book will be read and studied forever”; and

Whereas “To Kill a Mockingbird” is celebrated each year in Monroeville, Alabama through public performances featuring local amateur actors: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2            (1) recognizes the historic milestone of the 50th  
3        anniversary of the publication of “To Kill a Mock-  
4        ingbird”; and

5            (2) honors the outstanding achievement of Nelle  
6        Harper Lee in the field of American literature in au-  
7        thoring “To Kill a Mockingbird”.

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