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Celebrating Our Heritage!



The Hattiesburg Area Historical Society and the three local Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters (John Rolfe, Norvell Robertson and Twentieth Star Chapters) held a Constitution Day Tea in the HAHS Museum on September 17, 2006, in honor of the 219th Anniversary of the United States Constitution. The community was invited.

[In the picture, Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny DuPree proclaims September 17-23 as Constitution Week. From left to right: Maureen Curley, Regent of the John Rolfe Chapter; Mrs. Jonice DuPree; Mayor Johnny DuPree; Paula Harvey, HAHS President and Tea Chairperson; Betty Ray, Regent of the Twentieth Star Chapter; and Ursula Jones, HAHS Vice President and Norvell Robertson Chapter Americanism Chairperson]

In keeping with the HAHS purpose to promote better understanding of our American heritage and democratic way of life, a continuous slide show was presented by the HAHS. Guests mingled through a kiosk exhibit highlighting major milestones for the Bill of Rights and the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments.

The three kiosks, originally purchased for the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights by the HAHS, the three DAR Chapters and the Ensign John Sheldon Chapter of Colonial Dames XVII Century, engaged the viewer in the history of the Bill of Rights and how it relates to American life today.

Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny DuPree was present to proclaim September 17 through September 23, 2006, as Constitution Week, and join with Mayor Carl Scott of Petal, Mayor Roger Herrin of Purvis, and Mayor Jerry King of Sumrall in presenting the DAR Chapters with printed proclamations. Members of the DAR Chapters provided and served lemonade and cookies for refreshments.

At the conclusion of the tea church bells rang out from Main Street Methodist Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bay Street Presbyterian Church, Court Street Methodist Church and Central Christian Church. They tolled the good news of the Constitution's birthday at 4 p.m. just as bells announced the news in 1787.