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Whereas the Mississippi Centennial Exposition Commission having the celebration in charge will widely advertise the approaching events, with the result that a great increase of incoming and outgoing mail matter will be handled by the Gulfport post office; and

Whereas the governor of the State of Mississippi has issued a proclamation inviting all the States of the Union to participate and will invite the countries of South and Central America and Mexico to participate in the celebration; and

Whereas the extensive preparations being made by the citizens of Gulfport and the State of Mississippi for the celebration give to said celebration a national character and significance: Therefore be it

Postal canceling stamp for Gulfport, Miss., to commemorate.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized to prepare and deliver to the postmaster of Gulfport a special canceling die to be used in the cancellation of mail matter in the post office of that city from January first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, to April first, nineteen hundred and eighteen, said die to be of such design as may be agreed upon by the Postmaster General and the Mississippi Centennial Exposition Commission.

Approved, September 8, 1916.

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CHAP. 481.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the transfer of the Government exhibit, or such portion thereof as the President may determine is advisable, now at the Panama-California International Exposition at San Diego, California, to the Mississippi Centennial Exposition at Gulfport, Mississippi.

Mississippi Centennial Exposition.
Preamble.

Whereas there is to be held at Gulfport, Mississippi, beginning in December, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and ending in March, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the Mississippi Centennial Exposition to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Mississippi into the Union; and

Whereas there is now a Government exhibit at the Panama-California International Exposition at San Diego, California, which exposition will close December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and sixteen: Therefore be it

Transfer of Government exhibit from Panama-California Exposition to.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the said Government exhibit at the Panama-California International Exposition, or such portion thereof as may be determined by the President as advisable, be transferred at the close of the Panama-California International Exposition to the Mississippi Centennial Exposition at Gulfport, Mississippi, and to be maintained during the continuance of the said Mississippi Centennial Exposition and until not later than April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for the purposes herein named there is hereby authorized to be expended the sum of $75,000, or so much thereof as is necessary to cover the expense of transferring and maintaining the said exhibit, or such part thereof as may be determined by the President as available.

Maintenance.

Expenses authorized.

Continuance of Government exhibit board, etc.
Ante, p. 2.

SEC. 2. That all laws or parts of laws relating to said Government exhibit and constituting a Government Exhibit Board and authorizing the detail of civilians and Army and Navy officers of the United States in connection with the Government exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition and which were continued and made applicable by Act of Congress, December seventeenth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, so far as the same could be made applicable, to the Panama-California International Exposition at San Diego, California, is hereby continued and made applicable, so far as the same may be made applicable, to the Mississippi Centennial Exposition, at Gulfport, Mississippi, during its said continuance.

Rearrangement, etc., of exhibit before transfer.

SEC. 3. That nothing herein contained shall prevent the Government Exhibit Board in their discretion, with the approval of the President, from transferring said Government exhibit at the close of the Panama-California International Exposition from San Diego to some other point in the United States, if desirable, for being rearranged, repaired, or added to before transferring said exhibit to the Mississippi Centennial Exposition at Gulfport.

Nonliability of United States declared.

SEC. 4. That the Government of the United States does not become responsible in any manner for any bond, debt, contract, expenditure, expense, or liability of the said Mississippi Centennial Exposition, its officers, agents, servants, or employees, or incident to or growing out of the said exposition beyond such appropriation as is necessary to cover the expense of transferring and maintaining the said exhibit of such portion thereof as may be determined by the President as advisable.

Approved, September 8, 1916.