

By: Representatives Broomfield, Bailey,
Capps, Clark, Ellis, Fredericks, Green
(96th), Henderson (26th), Jennings, King,
Markham, Morris, Read, Robinson (63rd),
Rogers, Scott (80th), Thornton, Wallace,
Watson, West, Young

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REVEREND H.R. GRIZZELL FOR RECEIVING
2 THE LEGION OF HONOR FROM THE FRENCH CONSUL.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend H.R. Grizzell, a native of Lake,
4 Mississippi, will receive the Legion of Honor, France's top
5 national medal for gallantry, in ceremonies on February 13, 1999,
6 in Moss Point, Mississippi; and

7 WHEREAS, the French government has decided to mark the 80th
8 anniversary of the Armistice of World War I by conferring the
9 Legion of Honor on American and other allied veterans of the Great
10 War, and Reverend Grizzell is one of three Mississippians to be so
11 honored; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Grizzell's VA record states that he was
13 born on July 5, 1894, although his son says he was born in 1892,
14 and he was raised in Sherman Hill, Mississippi, where he was a log
15 cutter; and

16 WHEREAS, a loyal patriot of his country, Reverend Grizzell
17 joined the United States Army in Marianna, Arkansas, on April 29,
18 1918, and was released from active duty on July 14, 1919, in Camp
19 Pike, Arkansas; and

20 WHEREAS, dedicated to protecting the citizens of this
21 country, Reverend Grizzell served as a private in Company A, 526th
22 Engineers during World War I in Northwest France from July 10,
23 1918, to June 30, 1919; and

24 WHEREAS, after his release from the military, Reverend
25 Grizzell moved to Philadelphia, Mississippi, where he founded the
26 West Side Church of God and faithfully served as their pastor for

27 fifty years; and

28 WHEREAS, Reverend Grizzell has been lovingly supported in all
29 his endeavors by his only son, Willie, and his daughter-in-law,
30 Margaret; and

31 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
32 the State of Mississippi to recognize and pay special tribute to
33 outstanding Mississippi veterans such as Reverend H.R. Grizzell,
34 whose loyalty and dedication to his country is an example for all
35 to follow:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
38 commend and congratulate Reverend H.R. Grizzell for receiving the
39 Legion of Honor from the French Consul on February 13, 1999, and
40 extend to him our heartiest wishes for many years of good health,
41 happiness, peace and joy.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
43 furnished to Reverend H.R. Grizzell and members of the Capitol
44 Press Corps.