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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
2 KENNETH JOE HESTER UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

3 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Joe Hester has
4 retired from the military with over 40 years of service; and

5 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Hester, the son of Gladys and
6 Walter Hester of Nettleton, Mississippi, attended Nettleton High
7 School; and

8 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Hester began his military
9 career in 1957, when he enlisted in the Mississippi Army National
10 Guard's Company D, 1st Battalion, 198th Armor in Nettleton; and

11 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Unit Administrator in
12 Nettleton, Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Joe Hester served as
13 section sergeant, platoon sergeant and first sergeant; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1986, Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Joe Hester
15 was appointed the battalion command sergeant major for the 1st
16 Battalion, 198th Armor in Amory, Mississippi, and served in that
17 position until his 1987 promotion to brigade command sergeant
18 major for the 155th Armored Brigade in Tupelo, Mississippi; and

19 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Joe Hester deployed
20 with the 155th during the 1990 mobilization for Operation Desert
21 Shield/Desert Storm and was instrumental in the brigade's training

22 success at Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Irwin, California; and

23 WHEREAS, during his military career, Command Sergeant Major
24 Hester received numerous awards and decorations including: the
25 Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Oakleaf Cluster, the Army
26 Commendation Medal with 1 Oakleaf Cluster, the National Defense
27 Service Medal with Star, the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve
28 Component Achievement Medal with 1 Silver Cluster, the Armed
29 Forces Reserve Medal with 2 Hourglasses for Longevity and an M for
30 Mobilization, the Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon, a
31 Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with Four
32 Awards, the Humanitarian Service Ribbon and the Army Achievement
33 Medal; and

34 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Hester is an active member of
35 his community and regularly attends the Nettleton United Methodist
36 Church; and

37 WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Hester has been lovingly
38 supported in all his endeavors by his wife, Marolyn; their
39 daughter, Kim; and their two grandchildren; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend such
41 outstanding Mississippians as Command Sergeant Major Hester for
42 their faithful service to the people of Mississippi and the United
43 States:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
46 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Command
47 Sergeant Major Kenneth Joe Hester upon his retirement and extend
48 to him our heartiest wishes for happiness, peace and joy.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
50 furnished to Command Sergeant Major Hester and to members of the
51 Capitol Press Corps.