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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 561
(As Adopted by House and Senate)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING BRIGADIER GENERAL ERNEST
2 R. WEBSTER UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.

3 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Ernest R. Webster, a native of
4 Anguilla, Mississippi, is retiring from the United States Air
5 Force after a 33-year distinguished career in the military,
6 spanning from March 28, 1967, to April 3, 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, General Webster is Commander of the Air Force
8 Reserve Command's 403rd Wing at Keesler Air Force Base,
9 Mississippi, where he is responsible for the training, equipping
10 and mission of the 403rd Wing and subordinate units located at
11 Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas; and

12 WHEREAS, General Webster attended Arkansas State University,
13 participating in the Reserve Officer Training Corps and earned a
14 Bachelor of Science degree in management; and

15 WHEREAS, in January 1967, General Webster entered the United
16 States Marine Corps and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant; and

17 WHEREAS, General Webster left the Marine Corps after serving
18 tours of duty with a Caribbean readiness force and at Hui Phubai,
19 Republic of Vietnam, and entered the Air Force in January 1972;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, since that time, he has served as Chief of Aircraft
22 Maintenance; Flight Examiner; Chief of Safety, Operations and
23 Training Office; Squadron Commander, Group Commander, Deputy Chief
24 of Staff for Operations (14th Air Force and Headquarters Air Force
25 Reserve); and Wing Commander; and

26 WHEREAS, over the years, General Webster furthered his

27 education and training by attending Post Maintenance Test Pilot
28 School in Santa Ana, California (1971); Maintenance Officer School
29 at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois (1972); Squadron Officer
30 School (1976); Aircraft Accident Investigation School at the
31 University of Southern California (1976); Air Command and Staff
32 College (1976); National War College at Fort Elsie J. McNair in
33 Washington, D.C. (1985); and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University,
34 where he obtained a master's degree in business administration
35 (1985); and

36 WHEREAS, throughout his career, General Webster has been
37 recognized with many awards and decorations, such as the Legion of
38 Merit with oak leaf cluster; the Meritorious Service Medal with
39 two oak leaf clusters; the Air Medal with 18 oak leaf clusters;
40 the Aerial Achievement Medal; the Air Force Commendation Medal;
41 the Navy Presidential Unit Citation; the Air Force Outstanding
42 Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters; the Air Force Organization
43 Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster; the Navy Meritorious Unit
44 Commendation; the Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf
45 clusters; the National Defense Service Medal with service star;
46 the Vietnam Service Medal with three service stars; the Southwest
47 Asia Service Medal with service star; the Humanitarian Service
48 Medal with service star; the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with oak
49 leaf cluster; the Organized Marine Corps Reserve Medal; the
50 Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm; the Republic of
51 Vietnam Campaign Medal; and the Kuwait Liberation Medal; and

52 WHEREAS, General Webster was rewarded with many promotions
53 throughout his military career, beginning with his promotion to
54 Second Lieutenant on January 1, 1967; to First Lieutenant on April
55 1, 1968; to Captain on December 1, 1970; to Major on May 10, 1977;
56 to Lieutenant Colonel on December 14, 1981; to Colonel on August
57 1, 1985; and to Brigadier General on April 3, 1995; and

58 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
59 and commend such outstanding Mississippians as General Webster,

60 who has dedicated his life to serving the citizens of the United
61 States and the State of Mississippi:

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
63 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
64 we do hereby commend Brigadier General Ernest R. Webster upon his
65 retirement from the United States Air Force, and wish him luck in
66 his future endeavors.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
68 furnished to General Webster and made available to the Capitol
69 Press Corps.