

By: Senator(s) King, Farris

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 575

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING COLONEL (RET.) KENNETH W.  
2 SMITH FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS VETERAN OF THE YEAR BY THE CITY OF  
3 HATTIESBURG AND FOR HIS SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY.

4 WHEREAS, Colonel (Ret.) Kenneth W. Smith was honored by the  
5 City of Hattiesburg as its Veteran of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Colonel Smith retired from the Mississippi Army  
7 National Guard after 34 years of service; and

8 WHEREAS, Colonel Smith served two tours of duty in Vietnam  
9 while in the Army; and

10 WHEREAS, while in the Army, Colonel Smith received numerous  
11 decorations and medals; and

12 WHEREAS, Colonel Smith was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with  
13 Two OLC; Air Medal with Twenty Seven OLC; Vietnam Service Medal  
14 with Four Service Stars; and numerous other commendations; and

15 WHEREAS, Vietnam recognized his service by awarding him the  
16 Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and the Vietnam Armed Forces Honor  
17 Medal; and

18 WHEREAS, Colonel Smith has been tireless in his efforts to  
19 preserve our military history and to ensure that the sacrifices of  
20 our veterans are recognized and remembered; and

21 WHEREAS, Colonel Smith was instrumental in establishing the  
22 Hattiesburg Veterans' Park and its monuments, the American Flag  
23 display at City Hall, the Veterans Memorial Drive, the 169  
24 individual markers for Forrest County personnel killed in action  
25 and numerous other efforts to honor our military veterans; and

26 WHEREAS, Colonel Smith serves as Executive Director of the  
27 Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority and serves on

28 the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Chapter of the Solid  
29 Waste Association of North America; and

30 WHEREAS, Colonel Smith has served his community through his  
31 involvement and work with civic organizations, industrial  
32 development commissions, Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross and other  
33 organizations; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature of the State of  
35 Mississippi to recognize the meritorious service of the citizens  
36 of this state:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
38 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
39 we commend Colonel Kenneth W. Smith for being selected as Veteran  
40 of the Year by the City of Hattiesburg and for his dedicated  
41 service to veterans and his community.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
43 presented to Colonel Kenneth W. Smith.