

By: Representatives Eads, Ford, Lott, Horne To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING ALL
2 MISSISSIPPI MILITARY AND NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS SERVING THE UNITED
3 STATES BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

4 WHEREAS, in wake of the tragic September 11, 2001, attack on
5 America and the surrounding events, the Mississippi Army and Air
6 National Guard has found itself busier than ever, not only serving
7 communities throughout the state and nation, but also serving in
8 various capacities overseas to protect our national interests; and

9 WHEREAS, following the sequence of events on a day that will
10 forever be etched in the world's memory, President Bush authorized
11 the call-up of fifty thousand reservists to support the War
12 Against Terrorism and the Homeland Defense Mission, which included
13 many Mississippi Guard men and women; and

14 WHEREAS, the Mississippi National Guard, upon receiving only
15 a few days' notice, embarked upon both missions to secure and
16 preserve peace and to protect the lives and interests of all
17 Americans, thus exhibiting the high caliber and readiness of our
18 state's troops; and

19 WHEREAS, after receiving orders from the President, acting in
20 his official capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the United States
21 Military, and from the Governor of the State of Mississippi,
22 acting in his official capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the
23 Mississippi Army and Air National Guard, approximately 100 airmen
24 from the 186th Refueling Wing of Meridian, Mississippi, deployed
25 overseas to conduct air refueling operations as part of "Operation
26 Enduring Freedom"; and



27 WHEREAS, approximately 90 volunteers from the Mississippi
28 172nd Airlift Wing, of Jackson, composed of six flight crews and
29 maintenance personnel, conducted air transport operations from
30 Europe in support of "Operation Enduring Freedom"; and

31 WHEREAS, in addition to members of the Mississippi Guard
32 serving abroad, 50 personnel from the 255th Air Control Squadron
33 of Gulfport assisted in the Homeland Defense Effort in Texas; and

34 WHEREAS, in the Homeland Defense Effort, an additional 80
35 members of the Mississippi Guard augmented security forces at
36 seven Mississippi airports and at the Grand Gulf Power Plant
37 located in Port Gibson, Mississippi; and

38 WHEREAS, 123 guard personnel from the 114th Military Police
39 Company, headquartered in Clinton, Mississippi, with detachments
40 in Vicksburg and Canton, were called to active duty and stationed
41 at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, to provide base security and other
42 support, backfilling for active duty soldiers deployed to Central
43 Asia; and

44 WHEREAS, the 647th Transportation Company of Laurel,
45 Mississippi, dispatched 157 reservists to Fort Rucker, Alabama,
46 for deployment to support worldwide operations in support of
47 "Operation Enduring Freedom"; and

48 WHEREAS, 78 guard personnel from Company C of the 20th
49 Special Forces Group based at Camp McCain were deployed to support
50 worldwide operations in support of "Operation Enduring Freedom";
51 and

52 WHEREAS, troops based at the Naval Construction Battalion
53 Center in Gulfport were deployed to southern Afghanistan to assist
54 in repairing an air base for use by the United States Marine
55 Corps; and

56 WHEREAS, before the September 11, 2001, attack on America,
57 approximately 400 members of the Mississippi National Guard were
58 already serving in the Multinational Peacekeeping Force in Bosnia



59 as Task Force Rifles, working to maintain peace in the Balkan
60 region of Europe; and

61 WHEREAS, the dedication of the men and women of the
62 Mississippi National Guard, in providing valuable assistance to
63 civilian security forces, has helped instill confidence in the
64 general public that they are committed to this nation's safety;
65 and

66 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds it most appropriate to
67 recognize and commend the diligence of the men and women of the
68 Mississippi National Guard for their devotion to their state and
69 nation to serve and ensure peace for all:

70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
71 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
72 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend all Mississippi Military, Naval
73 and National Guard Troops serving the United States both
74 domestically and abroad.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
76 furnished to the commanding officers of the 186th Refueling Wing
77 of Meridian, the 172nd Airlift Wing of Jackson, the 255th Air
78 Control Squadron of Gulfport, the 114th Military Police of
79 Clinton, the 647th Transportation Company of Laurel, Troop C of
80 the 20th Special Forces Group at Camp McCain, the Naval
81 Construction Battalion Center of Gulfport, the Adjutant General of
82 the Mississippi National Guard and to the members of the Capitol
83 Press Corps.

