

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.

