

By: Senator(s) Gollott

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 501

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL
2 W. PETERSON FOR HIS DEDICATED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE UNITED
3 STATES OF AMERICA AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS ASSIGNMENT AS
4 COMMANDER, 81ST TRAINING WING, AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND,
5 KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI.

6 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Michael W. Peterson has been
7 assigned as Commander, 81st Training Wing, Air Education and
8 Training Command, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Peterson entered the Air Force in
10 1974 as a distinguished graduate of the University of Southern
11 Mississippi ROTC Program; and

12 WHEREAS, General Peterson is a 1970 graduate of Biloxi High
13 School, Biloxi, Mississippi; and

14 WHEREAS, General Peterson continued his education in
15 Mississippi, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics
16 from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1974, and a
17 Master's Degree in Telecommunications Management from the
18 University of Southern Mississippi in 1983; and

19 WHEREAS, General Peterson graduated from the Air War College,
20 Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, in 1992; and

21 WHEREAS, prior to his assignment to Keesler Air Force Base,
22 General Peterson was Director, Communications and Information
23 Systems, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base,
24 Virginia; and

25 WHEREAS, in this capacity, General Peterson was the
26 functional leader for 15,000 communications and information
27 professionals, providing services to over 100,000 active-duty

28 military and civilian members at 30 major installations in the
29 United States, Iceland and Portugal; and

30 WHEREAS, General Peterson also developed policy, oversaw
31 programs and managed resources in support of the command's mission
32 to provide nuclear forces for the U.S. Strategic Command, theater
33 air forces for U.S. Joint Forces Command, U.S. Central Command,
34 U.S. Southern Command, U.S. European Command and U.S. Pacific
35 Command, as well as defense forces for the North American
36 Aerospace Defense Command; and

37 WHEREAS, General Peterson directed Air Force communications
38 supporting the air war over Serbia and no-fly zone operations over
39 southern Iraq; and

40 WHEREAS, General Peterson also commanded a space operations
41 group and served on the Joint Staff with responsibility for
42 advising the Chairman and the Joint Chiefs of Staff on issues
43 relating to military satellite communications; and

44 WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary career, General Peterson
45 has received numerous awards and decorations, including the Legion
46 of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service
47 Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters,
48 the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Air Force
49 Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster; and

50 WHEREAS, in recognition of his ability and accomplishments,
51 General Peterson was rewarded with promotions throughout his
52 military career, beginning with his promotion to Second Lieutenant
53 on May 22, 1974; First Lieutenant on June 7, 1976; Captain on June
54 7, 1978; Major on November 1, 1985; Lieutenant Colonel on June 1,
55 1989; Colonel on February 1, 1994 and Brigadier General on October
56 1, 2000; and

57 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Mississippi Senate to
58 recognize and commend the exemplary military service and
59 contributions of citizens like Brigadier General Michael W.

60 Peterson who has dedicated his life to serving and protecting the
61 citizens of the United States of America:

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 Michael W. Peterson for his
65 dedicated and exemplary service to the citizens of the United
66 States of America and congratulate him upon his assignment as
67 Commander 81st Training Wing, Air Education and Training Command,
68 Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, and extend our warmest
69 welcome to the State of Mississippi.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
71 presented to Brigadier General Michael W. Peterson.