

By: Senator(s) White (29th),  
Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SPECIALIST CLAY  
2 CHANNELL OF THE MORTON NATIONAL GUARD UNIT UPON HIS RECEIPT OF THE  
3 "2002 MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER OF THE YEAR" MEDAL.

4 WHEREAS, a special ceremony was held Sunday, November 10,  
5 2002, at the National Guard Armory in Morton, Mississippi, for a  
6 special soldier connected to the Morton Guard Unit: Specialist  
7 Clay Channell, 25, of Charlie Battery, 1/204th ADA received a  
8 certificate and medal for the outstanding accomplishment of being  
9 named "2002 Mississippi Solder of the Year"; and

10 WHEREAS, the Army Commendation Medal was presented to  
11 Specialist Channell by Captain Morgan on behalf of Adjutant  
12 General James H. Lipscomb III, along with the Commander from the  
13 state; and

14 WHEREAS, Specialist Channell competed throughout the year  
15 against soldiers from across the state for "Mississippi Soldier of  
16 the Year." Starting out at the Battery level, he was selected  
17 Soldier of the Year for Charlie Battery in Morton, then advanced  
18 to Battalion level and Troop level in Mississippi (there are  
19 approximately 10,000 National Guardsmen in Mississippi); and

20 WHEREAS, along the way, he received the Army Achievement  
21 Medal, Certificate of Achievement, Troop Award (statue of a  
22 soldier), Eagle statue for Soldier of the Year, Certificate of  
23 Achievement and a \$100 Savings Bond from NCO Association, a \$100  
24 Savings Bond from the Sargeant Majors in the state, as well as the  
25 Arcom Award and Army Commendation Medal; and

26 WHEREAS, the soldier's name will be placed on the front gate  
27 at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for a year; and



28           WHEREAS, from Pearl, Mississippi, Channell is a student at  
29 the University of Southern Mississippi where he plans to join the  
30 ROTC and be an officer as soon as he is classified as a Junior.  
31 The career soldier signed with the Morton Guard Unit in 1994. In  
32 1998, he went to active duty for three years in Colorado, before  
33 returning to Morton, Mississippi; and

34           WHEREAS, Specialist Channell's thoughts on being a Guardsman,  
35 "If I'm not fighting for my country, who will? I'm doing this for  
36 my family. I will step up and take responsibility...Freedom comes  
37 at a price...I'll pay that price for my family any day..."; and

38           WHEREAS, Clay is the son of Judy Channell of Pearl,  
39 Mississippi, and Danny Channell of Brandon, Mississippi. His  
40 wife, Suzanne, has also supported him in earning this honor; and

41           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
42 achievements of this Mississippi soldier, who has brought honor to  
43 his family, his community, his guard unit and to the State of  
44 Mississippi:

45           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
46 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Specialist  
47 Clay Channell of the Morton National Guard Unit upon his receipt  
48 of the "2002 Mississippi Soldier of the Year" Medal, and extend to  
49 him and his family the best wishes of the Senate on this high  
50 honor.

51           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
52 Specialist Channell and be made available to the Adjutant General  
53 of the Mississippi National Guard and the Capitol Press Corps.

