

By: Representatives Denny, Baker, Chism, Ellington, Fillingane, Formby, Howell, Ishee, Jennings, Martinson, Moore (60th), Nicholson, Reeves, Roberson, Robertson, Rotenberry, Simpson, Stevens, Woods

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING CONGRESS FOR GIVING FIRST  
2 PRIORITY TO SUPPORT AND PASS THE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND  
3 REQUESTING THAT THEY CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE.

4 WHEREAS, the national security of the American nation and  
5 people is the first and foremost obligation of the national  
6 government; and

7 WHEREAS, the men and women of our Armed Forces of the United  
8 States now serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps,  
9 Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, National Guard and Reserves have  
10 shown great courage and self-sacrifice and deserve to be equipped  
11 with the best weapons and resources to protect our nation; and

12 WHEREAS, in past years, politicians have delayed passing the  
13 defense appropriations bill until late in the budget year so that  
14 the bill was misused as a dumping ground for pork barrel spending  
15 and as a political hostage to pork barrel spending in other  
16 appropriations bills; and

17 WHEREAS, in the wake of the terrorist attacks on America of  
18 September 11, 2001, President Bush asked that Congress pass and  
19 enact the defense appropriations bill before other spending bills;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Congress acted responsibly in the spring of 2002 and  
22 passed the defense appropriations bill first, thereby protecting  
23 our men and women under arms from becoming political pawns for  
24 politicians spending games; and

25 WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to express our support for  
26 Congress to give first priority to support and pass the defense  
27 appropriations bill in future years:



28           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
29 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
30 THEREIN, That we commend Congress for its precedent-setting  
31 decision to make our nation's defense their first priority in 2002  
32 and request that the Congressmen and Senators from our state  
33 continue this important tradition by passing and enacting the  
34 defense appropriations legislation before all other spending bills  
35 in 2003 and in the future.

36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
37 furnished to the Mississippi Congressional Delegation and to the  
38 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

