

By: Representative Ishee

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF BOBBY RAY WELDON AND
2 EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Bobby Ray Weldon, the husband of Gerrie Ann Simon
5 Weldon, father of Scott Gerard Weldon and Daniel Ray Weldon,
6 grandfather of Ben, David, and Anna Elizabeth, and son of Inez
7 and Ray Anderson Weldon, departed this life on August 1, 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Weldon, a graduate of Biloxi High School and
9 Perkinston Junior College, served thirty years in the United
10 States Marine Corp that included a three-year separation from his
11 family overseas where he served as crew chief and gunner in
12 helicopters in the Vietnam War; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Weldon retired from the Marine Corp as a Master
14 Sergeant believing "Once a Marine, always a Marine"; and

15 WHEREAS, after retiring from the Marine Corp, he supported
16 his family by working for Ingalls Shipbuilding as a quality
17 assurance inspector; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Weldon was a humble man who was also a steadfast
19 husband and proud father who, when his wife, Gerrie, said, "I need
20 this for the children in the school library," it was done and
21 whose children's accomplishments made him proud, giving him the
22 recognition that he never received in his own life; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Weldon's biggest accomplishments in life were
24 the joy he brought the children by dressing up as Clifford, the
25 dog, and his tireless efforts of creating a wonderland in the
26 library of Bayou View Elementary School; and



27 WHEREAS, Mr. Weldon's labor of love for the children of Bayou
28 View Elementary School contributed to the school's receipt of the
29 "Master Accelerated Reading Through Renaissance Learning, Inc."
30 award; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Weldon also served the community as a member of
32 the Biloxi 606 Elks Lodge and a member of Our Lady of Fatima
33 Parish, where he was President of the Parish Council and Grand
34 Knight of the Knights of Columbus Rhinehart Council; and

35 WHEREAS, to those who knew Bobby Ray, he was known as a man
36 of character and unwavering principle, a friend, a son, a father,
37 a husband, a soldier and most of all he was known as a good man;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
40 pay tribute to men of great character and honor, such as Bobby Ray
41 Weldon, who devoted his life to his country, his family and the
42 children of this great state:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
44 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
45 commend the life of Bobby Ray Weldon and express our deepest
46 sympathy to his family and friends.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
48 furnished to the family of Bobby Ray Weldon and the Capitol Press
49 Corps.

