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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 560

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING ALL
2 MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS SERVING THE UNITED STATES, BOTH
3 DOMESTICALLY AND IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

4 WHEREAS, the United States' Military is in the process of
5 engaging in the war against terrorism in conjunction with
6 President George W. Bush's authorization and call-up of 92,500
7 reservists, which includes hundreds of Mississippi Guardsmen; and

8 WHEREAS, the Mississippi National Guard, upon receiving only
9 a few days' notice in most cases, has embarked upon both missions
10 to secure and preserve peace and to protect the lives and interest
11 of all Americans, thus exhibiting the high caliber and readiness
12 of our state's troops; and

13 WHEREAS, after receiving orders from President George W.
14 Bush, acting in his official capacity as Commander and Chief of
15 United States Military, and from Governor Ronnie Musgrove of the
16 State of Mississippi, acting in his official capacity as
17 Commander-in-Chief of the Mississippi National Guard, and from
18 Major General James H. Lipscomb III, acting in his official
19 capacity as the Adjutant General of the Mississippi National
20 Guard, has placed thousands of Mississippi Guardsmen on orders to
21 defend this great country; and

22 WHEREAS, 109 members of the 114th Military Police Company
23 headquartered in Clinton, Mississippi, were called into active
24 service to serve abroad, and successfully completed a tour of duty
25 at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and



26 WHEREAS, 17 members of the 220th Finance Detachment
27 headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, were called into active
28 service serving in Bosnia; and

29 WHEREAS, 45 members of the 31st Rear Operations Center
30 headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, were called into active
31 service to serve abroad; and

32 WHEREAS, 146 members of the 113th Military Police Company
33 headquartered in Brandon, Mississippi, were called into active
34 duty to serve abroad. This unit is the most mobilized unit in the
35 Army National Guard for the past ten years; and

36 WHEREAS, 22 pilots of Company D, 1-159th Aviation Detachment,
37 headquartered in Tupelo, Mississippi, were called into active duty
38 to serve abroad. These pilots fly the Kiowa Warrior aircraft,
39 known as the eyes and ears of the United States Army; and

40 WHEREAS, 647 members of the 223rd Engineer Battalion
41 headquartered in West Point, Mississippi, with six other locations
42 to include Aberdeen, Calhoun City, Bruce, Charleston, Clarksdale
43 and Webb were called into active duty to serve abroad. This unit
44 is known for its worldwide operations both military and
45 humanitarian; and

46 WHEREAS, 191 members of the 2nd Battalion, 20th Special
47 Forces Group headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, were called
48 into active duty to serve abroad. This unit is known worldwide
49 for its tactical operations; and

50 WHEREAS, 120 members of the 168th Engineer Group
51 headquartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi, were called into active
52 duty to serve abroad. This unit is the higher headquarters and
53 parent unit of the 223rd Engineer Battalion and the 890th Engineer
54 Battalion; and

55 WHEREAS, 650 members of the 890th Engineer Battalion
56 headquartered in Gulfport, Mississippi, with units located in
57 seven locations to include Picayune, Wiggins, Lumberton, Columbia,
58 Richton, Purvis and Pascagoula were called into active duty to



59 serve abroad. This unit is also recognized for its worldwide
60 operations, both military and humanitarian; and

61 WHEREAS, 71 members of the Mississippi Air National Guard,
62 1108th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot (AVCRAD)
63 headquartered in Gulfport, Mississippi, were called into active
64 duty to serve abroad; and

65 WHEREAS, 62 members of the Mississippi Air National Guard,
66 255th Air Control Squadron, headquartered in Gulfport,
67 Mississippi, were called into active duty to serve abroad; and

68 WHEREAS, 500 members of the Mississippi Air National Guard,
69 172nd Airlift Wing, headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, were
70 called into active duty to serve abroad; and

71 WHEREAS, 500 members of the 186th Air Refueling Wing,
72 headquartered in Meridian, Mississippi, were called into active
73 duty to serve abroad; and

74 WHEREAS, 177 soldiers, known as Task Force Falcon, made up of
75 various units of the Mississippi National Guard have been
76 mobilized and are serving on active duty in the State of
77 Mississippi with a security mission at Columbus Air Force Base,
78 Keesler Air Force Base and the Mississippi Air National Guard
79 Bases at Jackson and Meridian; and

80 WHEREAS, the dedication of the men and women of the
81 Mississippi National Guard in providing valuable assistance to the
82 United States Military, has helped instill confidence in the
83 general public that they are committed to this nation's security;
84 and

85 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature finds it most
86 appropriate to recognize and commend the diligence of these
87 outstanding Mississippians for their devotion to their state and
88 nation to secure and insure peace for all; and

89 WHEREAS, Major General James H. Lipscomb III has guided and
90 commanded the units of the Mississippi National Guard in military
91 mobilizations and state active duties to include hurricanes,



92 tropical storms, tornados and security at seven airports in the
93 State of Mississippi. His leadership and dedication are known
94 throughout the military of the United States:

95 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
96 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
97 we do hereby commend all Mississippi National Guard personnel
98 serving the United States both domestically and abroad.

99 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution are
100 furnished to the commanding officers of each mentioned
101 organization, the Adjutant General of the Mississippi National
102 Guard and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

