

By: Senator(s) Harvey, Burton, Carmichael,
Dearing, Frazier, Furniss, Smith, Tollison,
White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 580

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING MAJOR GENERAL BUFORD
2 "BUFF" BLOUNT III, COMMANDER OF THE 3RD INFANTRY MECHANIZED
3 DIVISION DEPLOYED IN KUWAIT.

4 WHEREAS, Jefferson Davis County is closely linked to the
5 pending war in Kuwait through Major General Buford "Buff" Blount
6 III, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Infantry Mechanized Division, a
7 Two Star General with 18 helicopters, 200 tanks, 250 Bradley
8 Fighting Vehicles and thousands of other vehicles under his
9 command, who is also the son of Mayor and Mrs. Buford Blount of
10 Bassfield, Mississippi; and

11 WHEREAS, the 31-year veteran, who comes home to Bassfield,
12 Mississippi, for holidays and visits with his family, has over
13 19,000 troops at his disposal waiting for orders from the
14 President; and

15 WHEREAS, Major General Blount is Commander of a new kind of
16 Army which sports a mobile command unit hermetically sealed
17 against chemical attacks with computer screens displaying the
18 locations of all his units. Satellite imagery and a stream of
19 intelligence from every U.S. agency will keep the commander in
20 touch with everyone, even while cruising at 30 mph; and

21 WHEREAS, his 3rd Division and 1st Marine Expeditionary Force
22 are positioned to breach Iraq's southern defenses, likely becoming
23 the first ground units to push straight across the border, if the
24 command to move were to come from Washington; and

25 WHEREAS, Major General Blount was recently interviewed by
26 Diane Sawyer of "Good Morning America"; and



27 WHEREAS, Major General Blount was born in Texas, where Mayor
28 and Mrs. Blount were stationed at the time. Mayor Blount is a
29 retired Air Force Colonel, and has served as Mayor of Bassfield,
30 Mississippi, for 25 years; and

31 WHEREAS, Major General Blount graduated from the University
32 of Southern Mississippi (USM) and was commissioned as Armor
33 Officer in 1971. He lived in Bassfield during his time at USM.
34 He is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course, the Infantry
35 Officer Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and
36 General Staff College, and the United States Naval War College
37 where he earned a Master of Science degree in National Security
38 and Strategic Studies; and

39 WHEREAS, his awards include the Legion of Merit (with Oak
40 Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with six Oak Leaf
41 Clusters) and the Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf
42 Clusters); and

43 WHEREAS, he is married to the former Anita Barr of Collins.
44 They have two daughters and one grandson; and

45 WHEREAS, it is with pride and humility that we recognize the
46 sacrifice and dedicated military service of this officer from a
47 Mississippi family with deep military roots, whose command brings
48 honor to his branch of the service, his country, his community and
49 to the State of Mississippi:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
52 we do commend Major General Buford "Buff" Blount III, Commander of
53 the 3rd Infantry Mechanized Division, and extend our prayers to
54 him and his troops as they are deployed in the Persian Gulf Region
55 for military action.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 General Blount and his family at appropriate ceremonies and be
58 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

