

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 605

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE MEN AND
2 WOMEN FROM THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES
3 PARTICIPATING IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST IRAQ AND EXPRESSING
4 SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AND HIS LEADERSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, events in Iraq have reached the final days of
6 decision, and at the direction of the President of the United
7 States, the Armed Forces of the United States are poised to launch
8 military operations with our allies against Saddam Hussein and his
9 forces in Iraq; and

10 WHEREAS, among the forces participating in this mobilization
11 under Operation Enduring Freedom are many members of the regular
12 United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard,
13 Reserves and National Guard who are residents or natives of the
14 State of Mississippi, including 182 female and 2,056 male soldiers
15 in the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard already deployed,
16 with a total number of 3,662 dependents recorded for those
17 deployed; and

18 WHEREAS, the dictatorship of Iraq has continued to develop
19 weapons of mass destruction in violation of United Nations
20 Security Council Resolution 1441; the dictator, Saddam Hussein,
21 has demonstrated a willingness to use weapons of mass destruction
22 against neighboring nations and the citizens of Iraq. Saddam
23 Hussein threatens the Middle East and the global economy with the
24 threat to use weapons of mass destruction; and

25 WHEREAS, the United States of America has the sovereign
26 authority to use force in assuring its own national security.
27 Recognizing the threat to our country, the United States Congress
28 voted overwhelmingly last year to support the use of force against



29 Iraq, and that duty falls to President George W. Bush as
30 Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces; and

31 WHEREAS, Mississippians understand the costs of conflict
32 because we have paid them in the past, and we again accept that
33 responsibility. The men and women of the Armed Forces of the
34 United States will be the guardians of civilization as we know it.
35 War has no certainty except the certainty of sacrifice, yet the
36 only way to reduce the harm and duration of war is to apply the
37 full force and might of our military; and

38 WHEREAS, it is our earnest prayer that the job be done well
39 and swiftly and that the return home to family and friends be safe
40 and soon:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
42 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
43 we do hereby declare our complete support for and our great pride
44 in the Armed Forces of the United States, particularly the men and
45 women from the State of Mississippi, both in the Middle East and
46 elsewhere, who are participating in and supporting military
47 operations against Saddam Hussein and his forces in Iraq, and we
48 pray for the quick and successful conclusion of their important
49 mission and for their safe and sound return home.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we do hereby express our support
51 of President George W. Bush and the President's cabinet for their
52 courage and decision to remove Saddam Hussein from power.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to the
54 President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the
55 Secretary of Homeland Security, Major General James H. Lipscomb
56 III-Mississippi National Guard, the Commanding General-American
57 Military Forces-Operation Enduring Freedom and to members of
58 Mississippi's congressional delegation, and be made available to
59 the Capitol Press Corps.

