

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 128

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE BRAVERY AND
2 STEADFASTNESS OF MR. THOMAS HAMILL WHILE A CIVILIAN PRISONER OF
3 WAR AND EXPRESSING GREATEST ELATION UPON HIS ESCAPE.

4 WHEREAS, Thomas Hamill of Macon, Mississippi, who was
5 abducted by a group of Islamic insurgents on April 9, 2004, when
6 his supply convoy came under attack, was found safe by the 2nd
7 Battalion, 108th Infantry of the New York National Guard, after
8 having escaped his captors on May 2, 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, a civilian contractor for Halliburton Company
10 subsidiary KBR who had undertaken the job to save his family
11 business, Mr. Hamill's release was conditioned by his captors upon
12 the withdrawal of United States Forces from Fallujah; and

13 WHEREAS, after twenty-three days of captivity, Mr. Hamill,
14 remaining steadfast in his faith that he would once again see his
15 family, pried open the doors of a locked building and ran a half
16 mile to catch up with a passing military convoy; and

17 WHEREAS, during the time of his captivity, Mr. Hamill's
18 bravery, resolve, resilience and intrepid spirit allowed him to
19 maintain his hope and determination for freedom and provided him
20 the strength for his daring escape; and

21 WHEREAS, suffering a gunshot wound to his left arm, Mr.
22 Hamill, rather than being consumed by the dangers of capture and
23 his own safety, remained more concerned about the health and
24 well-being of his family: wife, Kellie; children, Thomas and
25 Tori; parents, Leo and Phylis Hamill; and grandmother, Vera
26 Hamill; and

27 WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to recognize and commend the
28 bravery exhibited by Mr. Hamill, whose experience as a hostage
29 greatly affected the emotions and evoked sympathy and spiritual
30 unity of the many citizens of Macon and the entire State of
31 Mississippi:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
33 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
34 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the bravery and steadfastness
35 of Mr. Thomas Hamill while a civilian prisoner of war and express
36 greatest elation upon his safe and daring escape.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
38 furnished to Mr. Thomas Hamill and to the members of the Capitol
39 Press Corps.