

By: Representatives Snowden, Horne, Robinson To: Rules
(84th), Young

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

1 A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO FUND
2 THE F/A-22 RAPTOR PROGRAM.

3 WHEREAS, the Mississippi House of Representatives is pleased
4 to join citizens across our state, our nation and the world in
5 congratulating our troops on their recent victory in Iraq, as well
6 as the hardworking men and women across our state who design and
7 assemble essential equipment and weaponry for our military; and

8 WHEREAS, air superiority has increasingly become a signature
9 of our Armed Forces and a determining factor when our military is
10 drawn into combat throughout the world; and

11 WHEREAS, Mississippi's defense and aerospace industry invests
12 millions of dollars and employs skilled workers throughout
13 Mississippi; and

14 WHEREAS, defense and aerospace companies in Mississippi
15 support and provide our military with cutting edge technological
16 components that are used to assemble vital military products, like
17 the United States Air Force's new generation fighter, the F/A-22
18 Raptor; and

19 WHEREAS, projects like the F/A-22 Raptor will bring millions
20 of dollars to the Mississippi economy while providing many
21 Mississippians with high quality jobs, thus stimulating the
22 aerospace industry in the state; and

23 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has a tradition of
24 constructing both commercial and military aviation products and is
25 the home of important components of our military's air
26 capabilities, as well as dedicated soldiers, sailors, marines and

27 airmen flying and maintaining those aircraft at bases across the
28 country:

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
30 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That the members of
31 this body recognize that the F/A-22 Raptor is critical to the
32 Mississippi economy and that the members of this body implore the
33 Congress of the United States to fully fund and advance the F/A-22
34 Raptor program, thus providing our military heroes with the vital
35 resources they need while invigorating our economy; and

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of
37 Representatives be directed to send enrolled copies of this
38 resolution to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United
39 States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United
40 States House of Representatives, the Secretary of Defense for the
41 United States, to each member of the Mississippi congressional
42 delegation and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.