

By: Representatives Gunn, Stringer, Warren,  
Rotenberry

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 65

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING LIEUTENANT PHILIP HEMPHILL FOR HIS  
2 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL AND FOR HIS  
3 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A NATIONAL POLICE SHOOTING CHAMPION.

4 WHEREAS, a twenty-four-year veteran of the Mississippi  
5 Highway Patrol (MHP), Lieutenant Philip Hemphill has rendered  
6 honorable and commendable services to the State of Mississippi;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, since 1985, Lieutenant Hemphill has been a member of  
9 MHP Pistol Team, and from that time until the present he has  
10 brought great pride and honor to the state; and

11 WHEREAS, as a member of the MHP Pistol Team, Lieutenant  
12 Hemphill won his first title as National Police Shooting Champion  
13 in 1988, and subsequently added five more championship titles to  
14 his growing list of awards in 1990, 1993, 1995, 1996 and 2003; and

15 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Hemphill shot his first perfect score of  
16 1500 in 1995 and again in 2001, to become one of only two persons  
17 to have earned a perfect score, the other officer being Sergeant  
18 James Collins from Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, at this year's national competitions, Lieutenant  
20 Hemphill won the Semi-Auto Distinguished Match by setting a new  
21 record. At the 2003 National Action Pistol Championship, he  
22 placed third over-all out of a field of approximately 200 shooters  
23 from all over the world, including Japan, Australia, Italy, Great  
24 Britain, Germany, Switzerland and the Czech Republic; and

25 WHEREAS, as a member of the MHP Pistol Team, which has a long  
26 and rich history of winning as well, including the four-man team  
27 champions for 1977, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1995 and

28 1996, Lieutenant Hemphill has been afforded the opportunity to  
29 travel to Germany as a shooting instructor and competitor; and

30 WHEREAS, from his competitions abroad, Lieutenant Hemphill  
31 has won the Bavarian World Indoor Championship in 1996 and placed  
32 second in 1997; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
34 recognize such outstanding Mississippians as Lieutenant Hemphill,  
35 whose distinguished service and many accomplishments have brought  
36 great honor, pride and integrity to the State of Mississippi and  
37 these United States of America:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
40 commend and congratulate Lieutenant Philip Hemphill for his  
41 outstanding service to the Mississippi Highway Patrol and for his  
42 accomplishments as a National Police Shooting Champion and extend  
43 our heartiest wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
45 furnished to Lieutenant Philip Hemphill, the Commissioner of the  
46 Mississippi Highway Patrol and to the members of the Capitol Press  
47 Corps.