

By: Representatives Dickson, Ellis, Gibbs,
Myers, Perkins

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CITIZENRY AND COMMUNITY OF MACON,
2 MISSISSIPPI, FOR ITS UNIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF THE THOMAS HAMILL
3 FAMILY.

4 WHEREAS, during the time of Thomas Hamill's captivity by
5 Islamic insurgents in Iraq and ultimate escape on May 2, 2004, the
6 citizen body of Macon, Mississippi, united in spiritual love,
7 support and encouragement for the Hamill family; and

8 WHEREAS, the town of approximately 2,500 inhabitants came
9 together in one accord, despite religious affiliations, cultural
10 backgrounds and social affiliations, to lift the hope, spirit and
11 countenance of the Hamill family through many prayers, vigils and
12 memorial services; and

13 WHEREAS, this unification of the citizens exhibits the true
14 spirit of brotherhood and compassion that sets the citizens of
15 Mississippi apart from all others, giving new meaning to the
16 phrase, "The Hospitality State"; and

17 WHEREAS, putting their belief and a fervent trust in God, the
18 residents of Macon never gave up hope that Thomas Hamill would
19 eventually make a safe and long-awaited journey home; and

20 WHEREAS, upon receiving the news of Thomas Hamill's daring
21 escape and safe retrieval by United States Armed Forces, a prayer
22 of relief echoed throughout the town's churches, homes and
23 businesses; and

24 WHEREAS, while the situation surrounding Mr. Hamill's capture
25 was an unfortunate and emotionally taxing on the residents of
26 Macon, this circumstance also proved positive by unifying the

27 community with one heart, one body and one spirit to accomplish
28 one goal; and

29 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives seeks to commend the
30 outpouring of love, support and encouragement exemplified by the
31 residents of Macon, who have demonstrated to the state and nation
32 that "it takes a village" to effectuate change and accomplish
33 goals:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
35 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
36 commend the citizenry and community of Macon, Mississippi, for its
37 unified support of the Hamill family.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
39 furnished to Mayor Dorothy Baker Hines on behalf of the citizens
40 of Macon and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.