

By: Senator(s) Posey, White

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JAMES MICHAEL HOLCOMBE UPON HIS
2 SELECTION AS ONE OF ONLY 5 NATIONAL FINALISTS FOR RESERVE SAILOR
3 OF THE YEAR 2004.

4 WHEREAS, James Michael Holcombe has been selected as Naval
5 Reserve Center Meridian Sailor of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman First Class (Fleet Marine Force)
7 James M. Holcombe, United States Naval Reserve, was also selected
8 as Sailor of the Year for Readiness Command Southeast, which is
9 composed of the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida,
10 South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee; and

11 WHEREAS, he was one of only five national finalists for
12 Reserve Sailor of the Year for 2004; and

13 WHEREAS, as leading Petty Officer of the 4th Force Service
14 Support Group, Detachment Nine, he has been awarded the Navy and
15 Marine Corps Commendation Medal for meritorious service rendered
16 from January 2003 through December 2003; and

17 WHEREAS, the Department of the Navy citation stated that
18 Petty Officer Holcombe temporarily filled a gapped critical
19 Inspector Instructor Corpsman billet at a Marine Corps Reserve
20 artillery battery in Jackson, Mississippi, that he was mobilized
21 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and that he was personally
22 selected as a member of the first Kuwaiti Shock Trauma Platoon;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, John G. Cotton, Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy, Commander,
25 Naval Reserve Force, further stated in the citation that by his
26 noteworthy accomplishments, perseverance, and devotion to duty,
27 Petty Officer First Class Holcombe reflected credit upon himself

28 and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval
29 Service; and

30 WHEREAS, born in Ellisville, Mississippi, to James T.
31 Holcombe and Anna Jo Cranford Holcombe, James Michael Holcombe is
32 a graduate of South Jones High School and Jones Jr. College, and
33 was graduated in 1974 from the University of Southern Mississippi
34 with a Bachelor of Science in History; and

35 WHEREAS, he also attended Mississippi State University,
36 receiving the degree of Master of Public Policy and Administration
37 in 1987; he also is a Certified Public Manager and a graduate of
38 the South Central Public Health Leadership Institute at Tulane
39 University in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

40 WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman First Class Holcombe, in his
41 civilian life, has been employed by the Mississippi State
42 Department of Health since 1975, where he is currently the
43 Director of the Bureau of Tuberculosis and Refugee Health; and

44 WHEREAS, he was a founding member and the first president of
45 the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association; and

46 WHEREAS, he now resides in Raymond, Mississippi, with his
47 wife, Margaret Faye Finnegan Holcombe, originally of Laurel,
48 Mississippi; and

49 WHEREAS, they have two children, a daughter, Casey Miranda
50 Holcombe, who is a student at Hinds Community College, and a son,
51 George Isaac Lowell Holcombe, who is a student at Raymond
52 Elementary School; and

53 WHEREAS, his service to his country and the people of the
54 State of Mississippi as a Field Medical Technician bring credit
55 and honor to the State of Mississippi; and

56 WHEREAS, the Senate also wishes to recognize the sacrifice
57 made by his wife, Faye, and their children, Casey and Isaac, when
58 their husband and father was mobilized for active duty and
59 stationed so far away under such dangerous circumstances:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
61 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize and commend James Michael
62 Holcombe upon his selection as one of five finalists for the 2004
63 National Reserve Sailor of the Year, and extend to him our
64 congratulations and our thanks for his service to this state in
65 both his civilian and military roles.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be
67 presented to Hospital Corpsman First Class (Fleet Marine Force)
68 Holcombe and furnished to the Capitol Press Corps.