

By: Senator(s) Chaney, Harvey,  
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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF RETIRED U.S. ARMY MAJOR  
2 GENERAL GENE PERRY HALE OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXPRESSING  
3 THE SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE.

4 WHEREAS, retired U.S. Army Major General Gene Perry Hale died  
5 Saturday, May 15, 2004, in Vicksburg, Mississippi; and

6 WHEREAS, General Hale was a Vicksburg native and a 1956  
7 graduate of St. Aloysius High School. He received his Civil  
8 Engineering Degree from the University of Mississippi; and

9 WHEREAS, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the  
10 Mississippi Army National Guard in 1959. After completing the  
11 Engineer Officers' Basic Course in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, he  
12 returned to the MSARNG and served as platoon leader, construction  
13 engineer and Company Commander for Company B of the 114th Engineer  
14 Battalion, and as Company Commander for the 157th Engineer  
15 Company, 273rd Engineer Battalion. His later assignments included  
16 Motor Officer, 273rd Engineer Battalion, and Assistant Engineer  
17 Officer, Engineer Officer and Assistant S3 of the 168th Engineer  
18 Group; and

19 WHEREAS, in U.S. Army Reserve status he served as Military  
20 Intelligence Officer, 475th Military Intelligence Detachment, and  
21 as Construction Engineer, Military Intelligence Staff Officer,  
22 Topographic Staff Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff, Personnel,  
23 Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of the 412th Engineer Command.  
24 He was appointed Commander of the 412th Engineer Command in May  
25 1991 and promoted to Major General in November 1991; and

26 WHEREAS, General Hale worked at the U.S. Army Engineers  
27 Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg as Supervisory Civil

28 Engineer-Chief of the Soils Research Center in the Soil and Rock  
29 Mechanics Division of the Geotechnical Laboratory. He retired in  
30 1994 after nearly 35 years and received the Distinguished Service  
31 Medal, one of the highest medals awarded during peacetime; and

32 WHEREAS, General Hale was a member of St. Paul Catholic  
33 Church and the Port City Kiwanis Club; and

34 WHEREAS, he was always a competent and dedicated worker who  
35 had high integrity and was a leader in all endeavors he attempted;  
36 and

37 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Ann W. Hale of  
38 Vicksburg; two daughters, Melanie Ann Phillips and Tracie Hale  
39 Smith, both of Vicksburg; his mother, Nellie Hale of Vicksburg;  
40 one grandson, Austin Hale Phillips of Vicksburg; one sister, Judy  
41 McCollum of Vicksburg; and one brother, Darryl Hale of Vicksburg;  
42 and

43 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this  
44 veteran who had the rank of General but was a friend to everyone  
45 in his community:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
47 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the life of retired U.S.  
48 Army Major General Gene Perry Hale of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and  
49 express to his surviving family the sympathy of the Senate on his  
50 passing.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
52 the surviving family of General Hale and be made available to the  
53 Capitol Press Corps.