

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS
2 RECENTLY ACTIVATED TO SERVE THE UNITED STATES, BOTH DOMESTICALLY
3 AND ON FOREIGN SOIL.

4 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the State of
5 Mississippi wishes to acknowledge the many sacrifices made by the
6 thousands of members of the Mississippi National Guard and other
7 military reserve organizations based in Mississippi serving in the
8 war against terrorism that is being waged by the United States
9 both at home and overseas; and

10 WHEREAS, Mississippi's citizens have always been more than
11 willing to serve their country during times of conflict across the
12 world, and many have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their
13 lives in times of war; and

14 WHEREAS, the Mississippi National Guard, upon receiving only
15 a few days' notice, embarked on missions both to secure and
16 preserve peace and to protect the lives and interests of all
17 Americans, exhibiting the high caliber and readiness of our
18 state's troops; and

19 WHEREAS, most of these servicemen are "citizen soldiers" who
20 have undergone extensive training in their respective National
21 Guard units while making a living and raising families in the
22 private world; and

23 WHEREAS, Headquarters 155th Separate Armored Brigade, Tupelo,
24 Mississippi, with a detachment in New Albany, was called to active
25 service to serve abroad; and

26 WHEREAS, the 255th Military Intelligence Company, Jackson,
27 Mississippi, was called to service to serve abroad; and

28 WHEREAS, Troop A 98th Cavalry, Hernando and Holly Springs,
29 Mississippi, was called to active service to serve abroad; and

30 WHEREAS, Headquarters 106th Support Battalion, Monticello,
31 Mississippi, with units in Magee, Prentiss, Collins, Camp Shelby,
32 Taylorsville, Grenada and Crystal Springs, was called to active
33 service to serve abroad; and

34 WHEREAS, the 150th Combat Engineer Battalion, Meridian,
35 Mississippi, with units in Carthage, Union, Lucedale, Quitman,
36 Houston and Okolona, was called to active service to serve abroad;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, the 2nd Battalion 114th Field Artillery, Starkville,
39 Mississippi, with units in Columbus, Ackerman, Eupora, Kosciusko,
40 Durant, Corinth, Greenville and Louisville, was called to active
41 service to serve abroad; and

42 WHEREAS, the 1st Battalion 155th Infantry, McComb,
43 Mississippi, with units in Natchez, Brookhaven, Tylertown,
44 Mendenhall, Poplarville, Bay St. Louis, Biloxi and Ocean Springs,
45 was called to active service to serve abroad; and

46 WHEREAS, the 1st Battalion 198th Armor, Amory, Mississippi,
47 with units in Fulton, Ripley, Nettleton, Pontotoc, Booneville and
48 Iuka, was called to active service to serve abroad; and

49 WHEREAS, the 2nd Battalion 198th Armor, Senatobia,
50 Mississippi, with units in Batesville, Cleveland, Oxford,
51 Indianola and Sardis, was called to active duty to serve abroad;
52 and

53 WHEREAS, currently stationed at Camp Shelby, training for
54 combat duty in Iraq, these units comprise the 155th Combat Brigade
55 Team consisting of more than 3,000 soldiers who have accepted the
56 call to duty; and

57 WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, thousands of soldiers and
58 airmen of the Mississippi National Guard have been called to
59 active service in defense of our nation's freedom, constituting

60 the largest overseas deployment of the Mississippi National Guard
61 since the Korean War; and

62 WHEREAS, the dedication of the many men and women of the
63 Mississippi National Guard, in providing valuable assistance to
64 the United States military, has helped instill confidence in the
65 general public that they are committed to this nation's security;
66 and

67 WHEREAS, Governor Haley Barbour, Commander in Chief, along
68 with Adjutant General, Major General Harold Cross, whose
69 leadership and dedication is known throughout the military of the
70 United States, continue to guide and command units of the
71 Mississippi National Guard in mobilizations and deployments; and
72 during state emergencies, including hurricanes, tropical storms,
73 tornadoes and providing security at critical sites in the State of
74 Mississippi; and

75 WHEREAS, the Mississippi House of Representatives finds it
76 most appropriate to recognize and commend the diligence of these
77 outstanding Mississippians for the devotion to their state and
78 nation to secure and insure peace and to preserve and protect
79 freedom for all:

80 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
81 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
82 commend all Mississippi National Guard personnel serving the
83 United States both domestically and on foreign soil and encourage
84 the citizens of Mississippi to support the servicemen currently
85 activated and deployed.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
87 furnished to the commanding officers of each of the aforementioned
88 organizations, the Adjutant General of the Mississippi National
89 Guard and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.