

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 7, 2005, AS "PURPLE HEART
2 RECOGNITION DAY" IN MISSISSIPPI, HONORING THE VALIANT MILITARY
3 SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS RENDERED BY ITS RECIPIENTS.

4 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782,
5 during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington
6 issued an order creating the Honorary Badge of Distinction,
7 otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit, or the Decoration
8 of the Purple Heart; and

9 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration
10 in the world in present use; and

11 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the
12 President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces who
13 are wounded in conflict with an enemy force or while held by an
14 enemy force as a prisoner of war; and

15 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded posthumously to the
16 next of kin of members of the Armed Forces who are killed in
17 conflict with an enemy force or who die of a wound received in
18 conflict with an enemy force; and

19 WHEREAS, in recognizing August 7, 2005, as "Purple Heart
20 Recognition Day," we seek to honor the hundreds of thousands of
21 American veterans who have earned military tribute by virtue of
22 their bravery and sacrifice; and

23 WHEREAS, close to two million veterans have been awarded this
24 prestigious medal, and ensuring that we recognize a lasting
25 memorial to honor the profound sacrifices made by our men and
26 women in uniform, is a special part of fulfilling the debt of

27 gratitude we owe these heroes and their families for their
28 unmistakable courage; and

29 WHEREAS, as American troops continue to bravely serve our
30 country, we are reminded of the sacrifices of previous generations
31 of Americans who risked or gave their lives for the freedom we all
32 enjoy today; and

33 WHEREAS, Purple Heart Recognition Day will help pay tribute
34 to those extraordinary men and women and remind us of the valor
35 and service of all of our veterans:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
38 recognize August 7, 2005, as "Purple Heart Recognition Day" in
39 Mississippi, and encourage our citizens to learn about the history
40 of the Purple Heart for Military Merit and to honor its
41 recipients.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
43 furnished to the Honorable Governor Haley Barbour, Adjutant
44 General, Major General Harold Cross and to the members of the
45 Capitol Press Corps.