

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.