

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 30

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SOLDIERS OF THE 850TH
2 TRANSPORTATION COMPANY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR PERSONAL
3 SACRIFICES, OUTSTANDING DEDICATION, COURAGE, VALOR AND PATRIOTISM
4 SHOWN TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISHING
5 THEIR WARTIME MISSION.

6 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the State of
7 Mississippi wishes to commend the soldiers of the 850th
8 Transportation Company Army Reserve Unit, recognizing their
9 personal sacrifices, time spent away from home, courage in the
10 face of fire and uncertainty, as they embarked upon war against
11 terrorism that is being waged by the United States both at home
12 and overseas; and

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

17 WHEREAS, the United States Military Reservists have embarked
18 upon both missions to secure and preserve peace and to protect the
19 lives and interests of all Americans, thus exhibiting the high
20 caliber and readiness of our nation's and state's troops; and

21 WHEREAS, these "citizen soldiers" have undergone extensive
22 training through their respective reserve units while maintaining
23 a living and raising families of their own; and

24 WHEREAS, in recognition of their valor and teamwork, and
25 loyalty to their fellow soldiers, the command, the United States
26 Army and the United States of America, we esteemingly honor:
27 Captains, Peter T. Clinton, Hap E. McConnell and Tonda Y.
28 Williams; Chief Warrant Officer Michael G. Tomes; Master

29 Sergeants, Carlester Hicks and Robert L. Irons; Sergeants First
30 Class, Clinton F. Booker, Ronald Brooks, Percy L. Cooks, Bruce M.
31 Faust, Ernesto Febo, Willie E. Fountaine, Tommie Hilton, John T.
32 Horn, Daniel L. Hunt, Calvin D. Moore, Tony A. Roach, Andrew M.
33 Robinson and Jonathan P. Taber; Staff Sergeants, Dennis Austin,
34 Stanley R. Autry, Mario M. Bolton, Willie J. Boyd, David Brownlee,
35 William A. Calvin, Theodore R. Campbell, Thomas N. Gilmore,
36 Laquitta R. Green, John E. Harris, Michael L. Hawkins, Dennis L.
37 Jackson, Tamra J. Johnson, Laboyd Keyes, Darlean Lake, Jonathan T.
38 Roberts, Stephen T. Robinson, Sylvester Simon, Sam T. Smiley, Tara
39 M. Watson and David Whaley; Sergeants, Orlanda L. Bell, Lashon C.
40 Brown, Candra M. Buck, Marco V. Burgos, Marcus D. Catching, Sonny
41 O. Chambers, Felicia A. Davis, Tamara D. Finchis, Rodney D.
42 Fondren, Marlon T. Gooch, Victor H. Green, Amanda L. Guenthner,
43 David W. Herron, Michael A. Iriarte, Kimberly N. Island, Catrina
44 L. Jackson, Lashannon R. James, Douglas A. Lancelot, David M.
45 McDaniel, John A. McDonald, Veronica F. Mond, Charles E. Moore,
46 Anthony J. Pekala, Myla M. Perry, Anthony Pitts, Richard L. Quick,
47 Christopher A. Robb, Christopher N. Robinson, Michael W. Robinson,
48 Hope M. Ross, Micah P. Sanford, Luis A. Santiago, Mervin Thurman,
49 Renita C. Tigner, Joshua H. Tillman, Yvonne Tillmon, Elizabeth A.
50 West and Cedric J. White; Specialists, Michael J. Adams, Billy R.
51 Artis, Oluseun T. Awobusuyi, Courtney Bell, Ashton D. Coppage,
52 Kenyate N. Criss, Markquetta Y. Curb, Jonathan D. Davis, Ketrick
53 L. Douglas, Cassandra V. Fair, Niren A. Gipson, Kimberly D.
54 Harrell, Maurice M. Harvey, Kenji D. Hayes, Christopher J. Herny,
55 Gary A. Hunter, Edward H. Jamerson, Demetrice D. Jenkins, Lemarcus
56 D. Johnson, Byron E. Joseph, Jarvis D. Kelly, Revell Kimber,
57 Charles Liddell, Anthony D. Lofton, Patrick A. Martin, Jamaika L.
58 McAdams, Shonari O. McCrary, Michael T. Padgett, Yancey T.
59 Pollard, Christopher R. Richardson, Derrick Shorter, Jason R.
60 Sharp, Brandon J. Shindler, David B. Shiver, Lashun T. Sims,
61 Derrick D. Thigpen, Christopher D. Townsend, Jordan M. Whitaker,

62 Abram D. Williams and Victor W. Williams; Privates First Class,
63 Franklin E. Ball, Gebriel C. Dearman, Kywanis Hargrow, Jessica A.
64 Jones, Cynthis N. Lloyd, Reggie L. Moore, Jeremy B. Rose, Dorian
65 L. Troope and Earl Warren; and Private Dwayne L. Brakebill; and

66 WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, soldiers of the 850th
67 Transportation Company, along with their comrades of the United
68 States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force and the
69 Army and Air National Guard of Mississippi and surrounding states,
70 have been called to active service in defense of our nation's
71 freedom, and a renewed commitment to establish a free and
72 self-sustaining democratic government out of the tumultuous ruins
73 of tyranny and terror; and

74 WHEREAS, with some soldiers veteran to warfare as experienced
75 in Desert Storm, the 850th was activated in November 2003 and went
76 to Fort Stewart, Georgia, for training before being deployed to
77 Iraq in early 2004; and

78 WHEREAS, as a transportation unit, soldiers of the 850th
79 traveled up and down all of the highways where bombs had been
80 detonated, delivering food, water, medical supplies and
81 ammunition; and

82 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush, Commander in Chief of the
83 United States Military and the United States Army Reserve Command,
84 whose leadership and dedication is known throughout the military
85 of the United States, continues to guide and command units of the
86 Army Reservists in mobilizations and deployments and security at
87 critical sites on foreign and domestic soils; and

88 WHEREAS, the Mississippi House of Representatives finds it
89 most appropriate to recognize and commend the diligence of the
90 soldiers of the 850th Transportation Company, who have placed
91 themselves directly in harms way, for their devotion to this state
92 and nation to secure and insure peace and to preserve and protect
93 freedom for all:

94 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
95 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
96 commend the 850th Transportation Company on its outstanding
97 leadership, selfless dedication and patriotism exemplified through
98 the acts of the soldiers and officers in effectively accomplishing
99 their wartime mission.

100 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
101 furnished to the commanding officers of the 850th Transportation
102 Company and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.