

By: Representative Dedeaux

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 54

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MAJOR RANDY
2 SPEARS AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON BEING NAMED AS A RECIPIENT OF
3 THE 2005 MISSISSIPPI "TOP 40 UNDER 40" HONOR.

4 WHEREAS, Major Randy Spears, a 36-year-old Meridian,
5 Mississippi, native and Mississippi College alumnus, was recently
6 selected as one of Mississippi's 2005 "Top 40 Under 40" honorees;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, in 1988, Major Spears joined the 186th Air Refueling
9 Wing in Meridian as a munitions specialist, and was commissioned
10 as the wing headquarters' financial analysis officer in November
11 1994, where he is responsible for multimillion dollar financial
12 programs; and

13 WHEREAS, appointed to the United States Air Force Memorial
14 Committee advisor team to assist in conceptualizing a memorial to
15 be unveiled in Washington, D.C., in 2006, honoring the men and
16 women of the Air Force; and

17 WHEREAS, one of only a select few Air National Guard
18 personnel in the nation to graduate from the graduate level
19 Strategy and Policy Course at the United States Naval War College,
20 Major Spears has enjoyed a stellar military career, complete with
21 17 awards, decorations, certificates and letters including the
22 National Defense Service Medal with a bronze star device and the
23 Air Force Achievement Medal with a bronze oak leaf cluster device;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Major Spears successfully matriculated into the Air
26 Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base after
27 prevailing in a highly competitive selection process in which he

28 had to demonstrate moral character and superior academic aptitude;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, currently the commercial development coordinator for
31 the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Major Spears has been
32 instrumental in the development and implementation of several key
33 economic development projects, including most recently a \$3.5
34 million Elderly Activity Center; and

35 WHEREAS, having accomplished much in his career, Major Spears
36 completed the University of Southern Mississippi's New South
37 Economic Development Course, graduated from the University of
38 Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute, earned a conversational
39 Spanish certificate from the Costa Rica Spanish Institute and in
40 August 2004, was named a certified economic development finance
41 professional by the National Development Council; and

42 WHEREAS, described as a leader of unquestionable integrity
43 who is passionate regarding the quality and detail of his work, he
44 is a member of the Mississippi Economic Development Council, the
45 International Economic Development Council, Rotary International,
46 and works selflessly with United Way and the "Nashoba" Toast
47 Masters in Choctaw; and

48 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
49 recognize and commend excellence in such remarkable individuals as
50 Major Spears, whose diligence and commitment to success is
51 evidenced by his many accomplishments:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
53 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
54 commend and congratulate Major Randy Spears upon being named a
55 recipient of the 2005 Mississippi "Top 40 Under 40" honor and
56 extend our wishes for continued success in all his future
57 endeavors.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
59 furnished to Major Randy Spears and to the members of the Capitol
60 Press Corps.