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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, in recognition of their valor and teamwork, and
24 loyalty to their fellow soldiers, the command, the United States
25 Army and the United States of America, we esteemingly honor:

26 Captains, Peter T. Clinton, Hap E. McConnell and Tonda Y.
27 Williams; Chief Warrant Officer Michael G. Tomes; Master
28 Sergeants, Carlester Hicks and Robert L. Irons; Sergeants First

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

62 Franklin E. Ball, Gebriel C. Dearman, Kywanis Hargrow, Jessica A.
63 Jones, Cynthis N. Lloyd, Reggie L. Moore, Jeremy B. Rose, Dorian
64 L. Troope and Earl Warren; and Private Dwayne L. Brakebill; and

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

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

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

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

87 WHEREAS, the Senate recognizes and commends the diligence of
88 the soldiers of the 850th Transportation Company, who have placed
89 themselves directly in harms way, for their devotion to this state
90 and nation to secure and insure peace and to preserve and protect
91 freedom for all:

92 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
93 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the 850th Transportation
94 Company on its outstanding leadership, selfless dedication and

95 patriotism exemplified through the acts of the soldiers and
96 officers in effectively accomplishing their wartime mission.

97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
98 the commanding officers of the 850th Transportation Company and to
99 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.