

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION LENDING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT TO THE
2 NAMING OF THE 154TH REGIMENT (RTI) ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN
3 MEMORY OF 2ND LIEUTENANT MATTHEW R. STOVALL FOR THE SACRIFICE OF
4 LIFE HEROICALLY GIVEN IN DEFENSE OF THE DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM OF
5 THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

6 WHEREAS, it is without reserve that the Legislature of the
7 State of Mississippi lends its support in memorializing the valor
8 and sacrifice of 2nd Lieutenant Matthew R. Stovall, its first
9 native son to lose his life in battle during combat operations in
10 Mosul, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, by naming the
11 154th Regiment (RTI) Administration Building at Camp Shelby,
12 Mississippi, in his memory; and

13 WHEREAS, a graduate of the June 2001 class 43 of the
14 Mississippi Army National Guard Officer Candidate School (OCS),
15 2nd Lieutenant Stovall was assigned to the Mississippi Army
16 National Guard 367th Maintenance Company, 298th Battalion in
17 Philadelphia, Mississippi, and was killed in action when an
18 improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle, becoming
19 the first OCS graduate to lose his life in action; and

20 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to pay homage
21 to our fallen soldiers, such as 2nd Lieutenant Stovall, who so
22 diligently and valiantly gave his life in battle for the
23 protection of our freedoms and security provided to us as citizens
24 of a democratic nation:

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
26 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
27 THEREIN, That we do hereby express our support of the memorial

28 naming of the 154th Regiment (RTI) Administration Building at Camp
29 Shelby, Mississippi, after 2nd Lieutenant Matthew R. Stovall.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
31 furnished to Harold A. Cross, Adjutant General of the Mississippi
32 National Guard, the commanding officers of Camp Shelby and to the
33 members of the Capitol Press Corps.