

By: Senator(s) Horhn, Butler, To: Rules  
Walls, Frazier, Thomas, Simmons,  
Harden, Turner, Jackson (32nd),  
Jordan, Jackson (11th),  
Albritton, Burton, Chaney,  
Clarke, Dearing, Gollott,  
Gordon, Harvey, Hewes, Hyde-  
Smith, King, Lee (35th), Little,  
Morgan, Posey, Thames, White,  
Wilemon

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 506

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
2 BRIGADIER GENERAL AUGUSTUS LEON COLLINS FOR HIS PROMOTION AS THE  
3 FIRST BLACK GENERAL IN THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD.

4 WHEREAS, Augustus Leon Collins has become the first black  
5 general in the Mississippi National Guard; and

6 WHEREAS, General Collins, a Booneville native and 28-year  
7 National Guard veteran, is currently Commander of the 155th  
8 Brigade Combat Team in Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, the brigade, which is made up of 3,500 Mississippi  
10 National Guard soldiers and others from Vermont and Arkansas,  
11 trained at Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is  
12 deployed in Iraq; and

13 WHEREAS, Major General Harold A. Cross, the Adjutant General  
14 of Mississippi, announced that Collins had been promoted from  
15 Colonel to Brigadier General; and

16 WHEREAS, Collins was selected by General Cross in August of  
17 2004 to command the oldest unit in the Mississippi National Guard  
18 and the seventh oldest regimental unit in the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, "General Collins epitomizes the spirit of the  
20 Mississippi National Guard and has risen through the ranks  
21 continually training himself and soldiers for duty in combat,"  
22 General Cross said. "He is the perfect example of what a leader  
23 should be, and he is doing an excellent job leading his troops in  
24 combat operations in Iraq"; and

25 WHEREAS, Collins, 47, has degrees from the University of  
26 Mississippi, Jackson State University and the United States Army  
27 War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; and

28           WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we note this significant  
29 event in the history of the Mississippi National Guard, and  
30 recognize this military professional who has brought honor to his  
31 unit, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

32           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
33 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
34 we do hereby commend and congratulate Brigadier General Augustus  
35 Leon Collins for his promotion as the first black general in the  
36 Mississippi National Guard, and extend to him and his family the  
37 best wishes of the Legislature on his future endeavors.

38           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
39 General Collins, forwarded to the Adjutant General of the  
40 Mississippi National Guard and made available to the Capitol Press  
41 Corps.