

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE GALLANT SERVICE OF WORLD WAR II
2 VETERAN JACK H. RUTLAND OF BROOKHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI, AND
3 CONGRATULATING HIM UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY.

4 WHEREAS, Jack H. Rutland, born June 6, 1920, in rural
5 Lawrence County to Will and Florence Rutland, graduated from
6 Jayess High School in 1939; and

7 WHEREAS, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corp on
8 September 26, 1940, prior to the start of World War II and was
9 stationed at New Orleans Air Field. After the start of the war,
10 he served with the 8th Air Force in England. Then he was assigned
11 to the 12th Air Force for the invasion of North Africa and
12 participated in the Tunisian and Algerian/French Morocco
13 campaigns. He was then assigned to the 38th Air Service Group
14 15th Air Force in Italy serving in the Mapples/Foggia and
15 Rome/Arno campaigns in all 35 months in overseas theater duty
16 during World War II. At the end of the war, he remained in the
17 Air Force until retiring after 21 years of service; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Rutland's military commendations are listed as
19 follows: AF Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, AF
20 Outstanding Unit Award, AF Good Conduct Medal, Army Good Conduct
21 Medal (5 Bronze Knots), American Defense Service Medal, American
22 Campaign Medal, European Campaign Medal (5 Battle Stars), World
23 War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force
24 Longevity Service Award and AF Small Arms Expert Ribbon; and

25 WHEREAS, he retired as a Master Sergeant in the Strategic Air
26 Command stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in September of 1961.
27 Upon retirement he returned to farming and operated a feed mill in

28 Jayess, Mississippi, until 1971 at which time he became employed
29 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with the Boll Weevil
30 Eradication Program in Mississippi and Arkansas. In 1978 when
31 that program ended, Mr. Rutland became employed by the Mississippi
32 Employment Security Commission in Brookhaven, Mississippi, until
33 1984; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Rutland was married to Evelyn B. Smith of New
35 Hebron for 47 years until her death. They were both active
36 members of Jayess Baptist Church. Mr. Jack and Mrs. Evelyn, as
37 they were known in the community, were known for their caring and
38 Christian attitude; and

39 WHEREAS, they are the parents of 3 sons, Don Rutland who is a
40 Rural Mail Carrier; Col. Ron Rutland, U.S. Air Force Reserve, 512
41 Airlift Wing Commander, Dover Air Force Base; and Jack Rutland,
42 Jr., Officer at State Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Rutland is
43 currently a resident of Brookhaven, Mississippi; and

44 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the service
45 of this veteran whose generation was the guardian as we know it
46 today:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
48 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the gallant service of
49 World War II Veteran, Jack H. Rutland, Brookhaven, Mississippi,
50 and congratulate him upon the occasion of his 85th birthday.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
52 Mr. Jack Rutland and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.