

By: Representative Peranich

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED AND DILIGENT SERVICE
2 OF COLONEL GERVIS A. PARKERSON AND COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
3 HIM UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS COMMANDER OF THE 1108TH AVCRAD.

4 WHEREAS, after commencing his military career with the United
5 States Marine Corps in 1971, Colonel Gervis A. Parkerson will
6 retire from duty after more than 34 years of dedicated, diligent
7 and commendable service to the United States Military and the
8 Mississippi Army National Guard; and

9 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Mississippi, Colonel
10 Parkerson graduated from Gulfport High School in 1967, received
11 his bachelor of science degree from Mississippi State in 1971 and
12 joined the United States Marine Corps, completing OCS in Quantico,
13 Virginia; and

14 WHEREAS, after graduating from Naval Flight School in 1972
15 and serving as base pilot in the Marine Corps through 1976,
16 Colonel Parkerson left active duty to return to his native
17 Mississippi, where he commenced employment with Baxter Travenol
18 Labs through 1978; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1979 he obtained employment with Beech Aerospace
20 (now Raytheon) and joined the Mississippi Army National Guard with
21 the 114th Support Group in 1980, beginning his full-time career at
22 the 1108th AVCRAD in 1981 and becoming its commander in 1994; and

23 WHEREAS, leading the 1108th AVCRAD to fulfill its mission of
24 providing unit, intermediate, and limited depot level aviation
25 support maintenance to the nine southeastern states, the Virgin
26 Islands and Puerto Rico, Colonel Parkerson's ability to lead

27 effectively has also affected a resurgence of community
28 involvement among its civilian and military cohorts; and

29 WHEREAS, a Master Army Aviator and Naval Aviator with over
30 7,000 flight hours, Colonel Parkerson has numerous schools,
31 decorations and badges to his credit, including the Mississippi
32 Magnolia Cross, Army Commendation medal, Army Service ribbon,
33 AR-Comp-Achievement medal, Meritorious Service medal, Mississippi
34 Longevity medal, Mississippi War medal and Mississippi
35 Commendation medal, to name a few; and

36 WHEREAS, Colonel Parkerson's keen insight and intuitive
37 instinct has made him a mountain of a commander, and his success
38 can only be measured by the unencumbered support and respect that
39 he receives from his family: wife of 26 years, Brenda; and
40 children, Beau and Leah; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
42 recognize and commend excellence in the careers of citizens and
43 our soldiers, such as Colonel Parkerson, whose innate ability to
44 lead is proven by the success of his unit and the growth of the
45 community involvement surrounding his years of service:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
48 commend the distinguished career of Colonel Gervis A. Parkerson
49 upon his retirement from 1108th AVCRAD after more than 34 years of
50 dedicated and commendable military service to the United States
51 and to the great State of Mississippi and express our heartiest
52 wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
54 furnished to Colonel Gervis A. Parkerson and to the members of the
55 Capitol Press Corps.