

By: Representative Carlton

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 70

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE UNSELFISH AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE
2 OF COMMAND COLONEL JAMES EARL MASON UPON HIS RETURN FROM TOUR OF
3 DUTY IN KUWAIT.

4 WHEREAS, Command Colonel James Earl Mason, a native of
5 Walthall, Mississippi, has returned home after leading troops of
6 the 3rd Personnel Command in Kuwait over the last year; and

7 WHEREAS, equipped with 32 years of service to the nation in
8 the Armed Forces, Command Colonel Mason has gone above and beyond
9 the call of duty to serve and protect the freedoms afforded by the
10 United States; and

11 WHEREAS, a learned gentleman possessing a bachelor of science
12 degree and a master of arts degree in education, Colonel Mason has
13 proven himself to be a truly effective leader and top-notch
14 performer, and has earned the admiration of his peers; and

15 WHEREAS, he has been an officer that the country could always
16 rely on in the time of need, exemplified by his rising through the
17 ranks to hold various key positions, such as cannon field
18 artillery officer, combat engineer and personnel programs
19 management officer; and

20 WHEREAS, Colonel Mason has served as an example for soldiers
21 at all levels and provided sincere inspirational leadership to all
22 who knew him, as his integrity, dedication and commitment is
23 evidenced by his long list of decorations and badges, including:
24 Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal,
25 Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense
26 Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Global War on Terrorism

27 Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Component
28 Overseas Training Ribbon and Army Service Ribbon; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
30 recognize and commend excellence in our citizens such as Colonel
31 James E. Mason, who are soldiers, serving and protecting the
32 freedom of this state and nation:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
35 commend the unselfish and meritorious military service of Colonel
36 James Earl Mason upon his return home following his successful
37 tour of duty in Kuwait and express our sincerest wishes for
38 continued success in all his future endeavors.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
40 furnished to Colonel Mason and to the members of the Capitol Press
41 Corps.