

By: Representative Carlton

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 121

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL
2 GUARD AND RESERVE FOR ITS INCREASED ROLE IN PROTECTING THE
3 NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

4 WHEREAS, during the past quarter century, under the Total
5 Force concept, the members of the National Guard and Reserve have
6 played an increasingly important role in protecting the national
7 security of the United States having to leave their places of
8 employment in the furtherance of freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, members of the National Guard and Reserve, including
10 the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Marine
11 Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, engage in rigorous
12 training, utilizing the most modern weapons systems, so as to be
13 able to augment active duty forces in defending the United States
14 of America in times of national emergency; and

15 WHEREAS, members of the National Guard and Reserve, both in
16 volunteer and in a mobilized status, have been called to active
17 duty to help protect the nation from further terrorist attacks;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, in order to carry out their military duties in an
20 effective fashion, members of the National Guard and Reserve
21 require the support and understanding of their civilian employers
22 and must know that their civilian jobs will still be available
23 when their military duty obligations have been completed; and

24 WHEREAS, Congress has passed the Uniform Services Employment
25 and Reemployment Rights Act to protect the civilian employment
26 rights of National Guard and Reserve personnel; and

27 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Committee for Employer Support of
28 the Guard and Reserve, a component entity of the United States
29 Department of Defense, plays a significant role in educating
30 employers concerning the requirements of the Uniform Services
31 Employment and Reemployment Rights Act and encouraging civilian
32 employers to support their employees serving in the National Guard
33 and Reserve; and

34 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Committee for Employer Support of
35 the Guard is chaired by Thomas H. Bowen, Jr., and is comprised of
36 volunteer members, many of whom are business and professional
37 persons with military backgrounds; and

38 WHEREAS, the people of Mississippi recognize the noteworthy
39 contributions made by the Mississippi Committee for Employer
40 Support of the Guard and Reserve in creating an environment in
41 which Mississippi employers support their employees, who are
42 National Guard and Reserve personnel, and further commend the
43 members of the committee for their dedicated efforts:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
46 commend and lend our strong support to American military
47 personnel, including members of the National Guard and Reserve,
48 who are helping defend the United States against terrorism and
49 other threats.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
51 furnished to Adjutant General, Major General Harold Cross, to be
52 distributed to National Guard and Reserve unit headquarters in the
53 state and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.