

By: Senator(s) Butler, Simmons, Horhn,  
Jordan, Lee (35th), Jackson (11th), Jackson  
(32nd), Thomas

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 556

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE GALLANT SERVICE OF  
2 MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD SPECIALIST ALEXANDER AGUILAR OF  
3 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, UPON HIS RECEIPT OF THE PURPLE HEART FOR  
4 INJURIES IN ACTION IN IRAQ.

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Alexander Aguilar of the Mississippi  
6 National Guard was injured by a roadside bomb in Iraq and received  
7 the Purple Heart Award on Thursday, January 12, 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, Specialist Alexander Aguilar, 25, of Jackson, who  
9 has Pike County ties, suffered burns to his arms and face in the  
10 explosion which occurred in August 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, Specialist Aguilar, a sniper assigned to the  
12 Tylertown-based Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 155th Brigade Combat  
13 Team, was treated at military hospitals in Germany and the United  
14 States before being released; and

15 WHEREAS, Major General Harold Cross, the Adjutant General of  
16 Mississippi, made the presentation at National Guard headquarters  
17 in Jackson, Mississippi; and

18 WHEREAS, fourteen Mississippi Guard soldiers in the 155th  
19 Combat Brigade died in Iraq, and a number of others were seriously  
20 wounded, most from roadside bombs; and

21 WHEREAS, since operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan, at  
22 least 40 soldiers or sailors with Mississippi ties have died in  
23 action; and

24 WHEREAS, Alexander's mother, Vickie Aguilar of McComb,  
25 Mississippi, and his grandparents, Bob and Wilma Martin of Osyka,  
26 Mississippi, attended the ceremony to support him and expressed  
27 great pride in his service; and

28           WHEREAS, Mississippians understand the costs of conflict,  
29 because we have paid them in the past, and it is with great pride  
30 and humility that we recognize the heroic action of this great  
31 American and Mississippian, who is the guardian of civilization as  
32 we know it today:

33           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
34 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
35 we do hereby commend the gallant service of Mississippi National  
36 Guard Specialist Alexander Aguilar of Jackson, Mississippi, upon  
37 his receipt of the Purple Heart Award for injuries sustained in  
38 action in Iraq, and express to him and his family the best wishes  
39 of the Legislature for his quick recovery.

40           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
41 Spc. Alexander Aguilar and forwarded to the Adjutant General of  
42 Mississippi and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.