

By: Senator(s) Little, Wilemon

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 557

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 BRIGADIER GENERAL AUGUSTUS LEON COLLINS FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL COMMAND
3 OF THE 155TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

4 WHEREAS, Brigadier Augustus Leon Collins was selected by
5 Major General Harold A. Cross, the Adjutant General of
6 Mississippi, to command the 155th Brigade Combat Team in August
7 2004; and

8 WHEREAS, General Collins is a Booneville, Mississippi, native
9 and 28-year National Guard veteran; and

10 WHEREAS, General Collins and the 155th Brigade Combat Team
11 deployed to Iraq in January 2005 after four months of intense
12 combat training at Camp Shelby; and

13 WHEREAS, the brigade, which is made up of 3,500 Mississippi
14 National Guard soldiers and others from Vermont and Arkansas,
15 trained at Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and was
16 deployed for a one-year tour of duty in Iraq; and

17 WHEREAS, "General Collins epitomizes the spirit of the
18 Mississippi National Guard and has risen through the ranks and
19 continually trained himself and his soldiers for duty in combat,"
20 General Cross said. "He is the perfect example of what a leader
21 should be, and did an excellent job leading his troops during
22 combat operations in Iraq"; and

23 WHEREAS, General Collins earned the respect of his soldiers,
24 peers and leaders, resulting in successful combat missions and
25 humanitarian and construction projects; and

26 WHEREAS, Collins, 47, has degrees from the University of
27 Mississippi, Jackson State University and the United States Army
28 War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; and

29 WHEREAS, General Collins put the welfare of his soldiers
30 first and foremost, and continually supported them throughout
31 their tour of duty; and

32 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we note this significant
33 event in the history of the Mississippi National Guard, and
34 recognize this military professional who has brought honor to his
35 unit, his community and to the State of Mississippi:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
37 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
38 we do hereby commend and congratulate Brigadier General Augustus
39 Leon Collins for his successful command of the 155th Brigade
40 Combat Team during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and extend to him and
41 his family the best wishes of the Legislature on his future
42 endeavors.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
44 General Collins, forwarded to the Adjutant General of the
45 Mississippi National Guard and made available to the Capitol Press
46 Corps.