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Lee (35th), Mettetal, Moffatt, Morgan,  
Nunnelee, Pickering, Posey, Robertson, Ross,  
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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.