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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 572

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DEDICATION OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI ARMED FORCES MUSEUM IN HONOR OF RETIRED LIEUTENANT
3 GENERAL EMMETT H. "MICKEY" WALKER AND RECOGNIZING CAMP SHELBY'S
4 PLACE IN AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY.

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum was dedicated on
6 Saturday, January 28, 2006, in honor of retired Lieutenant General
7 Emmett H. "Mickey" Walker, a decorated World War II veteran who
8 was a driving force in establishing the facility at Camp Shelby;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, General Walker fought with the Army's 95th Infantry
11 Division in Europe during World War II and was awarded the Silver
12 Star and Bronze Star; and

13 WHEREAS, he was part of the Far East Command liaison group in
14 Japan during the Korean War and served as Chief of the National
15 Guard Bureau under President Ronald Reagan from 1982-1986. After
16 42 years in the Army and Mississippi National Guard, Walker, an
17 81-year-old Starkville native who now lives in Jackson,
18 Mississippi, retired from the military and focused his energy on
19 preserving history at the "world class" museum; and

20 WHEREAS, the Legislature appropriated \$2.5 Million in 1995
21 and \$2 Million in 1999 to build the museum, which chronicles
22 conflicts involving the United States from the War of 1812 to the
23 Iraq war; and

24 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum opened four
25 years ago, Walker's dedication will coincide with its fourth
26 anniversary, and is home to thousands of displays, including an
27 interactive World War I trench that recreates the sights, sounds
28 and smells a soldier would have encountered during battle. The

29 museum's approximate 17,000 artifacts include an exhibit that
30 honors Mississippi's 26 Medal of Honor recipients and the 44 Medal
31 of Honor recipients who served or trained at Camp Shelby, a
32 136,000-acre National Guard base in South Mississippi with a rich
33 history itself; and

34 WHEREAS, Camp Shelby opened in 1917, and was named for Isaac
35 Shelby, the first Governor of Kentucky, when thousands of soldiers
36 from Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia trained there with the
37 38th Division; and

38 WHEREAS, more than 100,000 soldiers trained at the base
39 during World War II, including the Japanese-American 442nd
40 Regiment, which became one of the most decorated units in the war.
41 Today, the camp is training soldiers for duty in Iraq and other
42 crisis areas. Nearly 20,000 soldiers have trained there since the
43 attacks of September 11, 2001; and

44 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we note the dedication
45 of this world class museum in honor of a great American which also
46 recognizes Mississippi's place in military history:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
48 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
49 we do hereby commend the dedication of the Mississippi Armed
50 Forces Museum in honor of retired Lieutenant General Emmett H.
51 "Mickey" Walker and acknowledge Camp Shelby's place in American
52 military history.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
54 General Walker and to Museum Director Chad Daniels and be made
55 available to the Capitol press Corps.