

By: Senator(s) Turner

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 592

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING COLONEL  
2 RONALD E. POWELL, STATE SURGEON FOR THE MISSISSIPPI ARMY NATIONAL  
3 GUARD, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Colonel Ronald E. Powell, State Surgeon for the  
5 Mississippi Army National Guard, served as Commander of Task Force  
6 Medical, assigned to command and control all military medical  
7 units in the State of Mississippi for the Hurricane Katrina  
8 disaster operations from August-November 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, prior to this humanitarian public service, Colonel  
10 Powell was attached to the 155th Separate Armored Brigade in  
11 active operations in Iraq; and

12 WHEREAS, Colonel Powell's background is a matter of record:

13 • Born October 5, 1945, in Memphis, Tennessee, the son of a  
14 World War II hero, a turret gunner who flew back to base in  
15 England in a damaged B52 bomber plane when the pilot and co-pilot  
16 were killed in a bombing mission over Germany.

17 • 1967, graduated from Arkansas State University with a BS  
18 Degree in Biology and Chemistry; 1970, graduated from the  
19 University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy; 1979, graduated from  
20 the University of Health Sciences, Kansas City, Missouri; 1980,  
21 internship at Mount Clemens General Hospital, Mount Clemens,  
22 Michigan; and 1990, board-certified in Family Practice.

23 • Married Diann Barrett of Jonesboro, Arkansas, in 1968.  
24 They have two children, Amy Powell Tabor of West Point,  
25 Mississippi, and Ronald Edward Powell, Jr., of Cordova, Tennessee;  
26 and four grandchildren, Powell, Elizabeth Claire and Barrett Tabor

27 of West Point, Mississippi, and Edward Maddox Powell of Cordova,  
28 Tennessee.

29 • He served in the United States Public Health Service from  
30 1970-1974 as a Commissioned Officer.

31 • He opened solo practice in Family Medicine in West Point,  
32 Mississippi, in 1980, and continues this practice to date.

33 • He has twice served as the Chief of Staff at the Clay  
34 County Medical Center in West Point, Mississippi. He serves on  
35 the System-Wide Medical Staff Board of the North Mississippi  
36 Medical Center in Tupelo, Mississippi.

37 • He joined the Mississippi National Guard in 1985 and  
38 served with the 223rd Engineering Battalion as Battalion Surgeon;  
39 was appointed State Surgeon in 2003; served with the 155th Combat  
40 Battalion at the Forward Operations Base outside of Karbala, Iraq,  
41 in a joint military/medical effort with the Polish Military. This  
42 was the first time such a joint medical effort was attempted in  
43 Operation Iraqi Freedom. This active duty assignment went from  
44 January 2, 2004 to April 29, 2004. After returning to his private  
45 practice, he was assigned as Medical Operations Officer in charge  
46 of the medical assets for the Mississippi National Guard Relief  
47 Effort at Gulfport, Mississippi, from September 3, 2005, to  
48 October 18, 2005, following the devastation of the Mississippi  
49 Gulf Coast by Hurricane Katrina; and

50 WHEREAS, he has served on the Tombigbee Waterways Board and  
51 the Board of the Boy Scouts of America. He was appointed to the  
52 Old Waverly Golf Club Executive Board in 1985 and serves on this  
53 board to date. He was the physician in charge of the medical  
54 services for the 1999 U.S. Women's Open held at Old Waverly in  
55 West Point, Mississippi. He serves as Chalice Bearer for the  
56 Episcopal Church of Incarnation in West Point; and

57 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
58 military and humanitarian contributions of this Mississippi

59 citizen who has brought honor to his unit, his community and to  
60 the State of Mississippi:

61         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
62 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
63 we do hereby commend and congratulate Colonel Ronald E. Powell,  
64 State Surgeon for the Mississippi Army National Guard, upon the  
65 occasion of his retirement, and we extend to him and his family  
66 the thanks and best wishes of the Legislature in his future  
67 endeavors.

68         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
69 Colonel Powell and be forwarded to the Mississippi Army National  
70 Guard, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.