

By: Representatives Robinson (84th), McCoy,
Bounds, Dickson, Eaton, Gregory, Holland,
Horne, Hudson, Moore, Nicholson, Scott,
Snowden, Stringer, Warren, Weathersby, Young

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING BILLY MURPHY UPON BEING SELECTED
2 OFFICER OF THE YEAR FOR DISTRICT 4 OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
3 OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS.

4 WHEREAS, District 4 of the Mississippi Department of
5 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, which encompasses the counties of
6 Clarke, Lauderdale, Jasper, Newton, Neshoba, Kemper, Smith and
7 Simpson, bestowed its highest honor, "Officer of the Year," upon
8 Billy Murphy of Quitman; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Murphy, a resident of Quitman, who has been
10 employed with the department since July 2000, came to Clarke
11 County from Tupelo after taking a job in District 4 in October
12 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, acclimated for service of his fellowman and his
14 state, Officer Murphy serves in the Air National Guard with the
15 238th Air Support Operation where he ranks as Major, boasting 15
16 years of guard service; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Murphy, a former member of the Mississippi
18 Army National Guard also knows the meaning of sacrifice and
19 selflessness as indicated by his service to this country in the
20 United States Navy, serving two tours in the Persian Gulf in 1994
21 and 1996, and two tours in Iraq with the Guard in 2003 and 2005;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, for his valiant service and dedication to upholding
24 the banner of freedom and democracy that we as citizens of this
25 great state and nation accept as valuable life assets, Officer
26 Murphy has been lauded with the following awards and commendations
27 for his meritorious military service: Navy and Marine Achievement

28 Award (won twice, last awarded in 1997), Army Commendation Award
29 (2001), Air Force Commendation Award (2002), Magnolia Medal
30 (2003), Bronze Star (2003) and submitted for Bronze Star (2005);
31 and

32 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Officer Murphy has shared the
33 support, respect and adoration of his family: wife, Angela; and
34 children, Zach and Kathryn; and

35 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
36 recognize and commend the excellence and valor of our outstanding
37 law enforcement personnel as Officer Murphy, who day after day
38 protects the wildlife for the enjoyment of the citizens of our
39 great state, and who would willingly take up arms to fight for the
40 defense of this state and nation through his active military
41 involvement:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
44 commend and congratulate Officer Billy Murphy upon his selection
45 as the Officer of the Year for District 4 of the Mississippi
46 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and extend our warmest
47 wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
49 furnished to Officer Billy Murphy and to the members of the
50 Capitol Press Corps.