

By: Representatives Busby, Anderson

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ADA  
2 COLLIER FOR BEING PROMOTED TO COLONEL IN THE AIR FORCE.

3 WHEREAS, after 30 years of honorable service, Lieutenant  
4 Colonel Ada M. Collier has been selected for promotion to the rank  
5 of Colonel in the Air Force, a most deserved and prestigious  
6 recognition; and

7 WHEREAS, no one could ever be more proud of Colonel Collier's  
8 ceiling breaking rise in the military than the matriarchs of her  
9 family, her mother, Minnie B. Collier, and her 95-year-old  
10 grandmother, Earlie B. Jimmerson; and

11 WHEREAS, prior to joining the military, Colonel Collier  
12 understood the value of education, graduating from Moss Point High  
13 School in 1983 and continuing her studies at the University of  
14 South Alabama, earning a bachelor's degree in 1997; and

15 WHEREAS, this distinction did not come rapidly or  
16 effortlessly, in October of 2011, Colonel Collier returned home to  
17 Moss Point for a pinning ceremony to celebrate her promotion to  
18 Lieutenant Colonel; and



19 WHEREAS, at this most auspicious event, Colonel Collier spoke  
20 of the hard work and sacrifices necessary to become Lieutenant  
21 Colonel, a rare event for a nurse, and in 13 years, this was a  
22 shorter time frame than the average promotion to Lieutenant  
23 Colonel; and

24 WHEREAS, Colonel Collier, an effective and motivating leader,  
25 now works directly for the command nurse at Headquarters Air Force  
26 Reserve Command at Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia, managing the  
27 careers of 1,400 nurses; and

28 WHEREAS, she later broke down barriers as the first  
29 African-American female at Air Reserve Personnel Center,  
30 headquartered at Buckley Air Force Base in Colorado, the location  
31 of her special assignment detail where she achieved the rank of  
32 Lieutenant Colonel; and

33 WHEREAS, Colonel Collier was never concerned with her own  
34 glory, she specialized in leadership development so that the Air  
35 Force could move nurses along the career path from a clinical  
36 nurse to a senior ranking officer; and

37 WHEREAS, at her Lieutenant Colonel pinning ceremony, Colonel  
38 Collier was honored to have Judge Maxine Lawson-Conway administer  
39 the oath of office, the only African-American female Colonel  
40 Collier knew growing up who attended law school, and whom she  
41 considered a role model and an inspiration; and

42 WHEREAS, as Colonel Collier continued to strive up the  
43 competitive ranks of the military, she achieved an amazing



44 accomplishment when she was selected for promotion to the rank of  
45 Colonel in the Air Force; and

46 WHEREAS, Colonel Collier is currently serving as Individual  
47 Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) to the Chief Nurse (CN) with the  
48 779th Medical Group, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland; and

49 WHEREAS, with greater rank comes greater responsibilities,  
50 she is now responsible for assisting the CN in developing nursing  
51 policies and standards that impact 400 active duty nurses and  
52 enlisted medics assigned in the National Capital Region; and

53 WHEREAS, Colonel Collier's work now requires collaboration  
54 with medical group commanders and executive staff to maintain  
55 medical IMA requirements and authorizations for the medical group;  
56 and

57 WHEREAS, "Leaders keep their eyes on the horizon, not just on  
58 the bottom line," and Colonel Collier is just such a leader, now a  
59 key advisor for IMA management issues including assignments,  
60 training and force development, matters that are so vital to the  
61 future of nurses in our Air Force; and

62 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
63 the accomplishments of such outstanding leaders as Colonel Ada M.  
64 Collier who has dedicated her life to God, the United States of  
65 America, family and service:

66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
67 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
68 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Colonel Ada M.



69 Collier for being promoted to Colonel in the United States Air  
70 Force and extend heartiest wishes for success in all of her future  
71 endeavors.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
73 furnished to Lieutenant Colonel Ada M. Collier, and to the members  
74 of the Capitol Press Corps.

