

By: Representatives Bain, Carpenter

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JOHN
2 RHODES UPON HIS PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF BRIGADIER GENERAL AND
3 EXTENDING BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS.

4 WHEREAS, on August 29, 2015, the 66th Troop Command,
5 Mississippi Army National Guard, promoted John Rhodes to the
6 prestigious rank of Brigadier General in recognition of his
7 outstanding achievements and service to his country; and

8 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Rhodes is currently the Commander
9 of the 66th Troop Command, which is comprised of approximately
10 2,600 soldiers with 22 armory locations that extend from the
11 Mississippi Gulf Coast to the Mississippi/Tennessee state line;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Rhodes began his military career
14 in November 1983, as a Private First Class in the United States
15 Marine Corps Reserves, before enrolling in the Army ROTC program
16 at Mississippi State University in 1985, where he received his
17 officer commission upon graduation in May 1987; and



18 WHEREAS, as a Lieutenant on active duty, Brigadier General
19 Rhodes was assigned to 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment
20 stationed in Germany with the 1st Armored Division, where he
21 served as Mortar Platoon Leader during the 1991 Gulf War; and

22 WHEREAS, in September 1991, Brigadier General Rhodes
23 transferred to the Mississippi Army National Guard and was
24 assigned to the 155th Separate Armored Brigade before serving at
25 the Pentagon in the Army Operations Center in support of Operation
26 Enduring Freedom; and

27 WHEREAS, because of his reputation as a solid leader,
28 Brigadier General Rhodes assumed command of the 1st Battalion,
29 155th Infantry Regiment, which he commanded during its deployment
30 to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom III in 2005; and

31 WHEREAS, in 2009, Brigadier General Rhodes served as the
32 Deputy Brigade Commander for the 155th Brigade Combat Team during
33 its deployment to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom 9.2; and

34 WHEREAS, upon the brigade's redeployment in 2010, Brigadier
35 General Rhodes served as the Commander of the 155th Armored
36 Brigade Combat Team until July 2013, after which he served as the
37 Chief of Staff of the Mississippi Army National Guard; and

38 WHEREAS, as a result of his immense command experience,
39 Brigadier General Rhodes was tapped to assume command of the 66th
40 Troop Command in May 2015, and currently remains at that position;
41 and



42 WHEREAS, in addition to graduating from Mississippi State
43 University, Brigadier General Rhodes is a graduate of the Infantry
44 Officer Basic and Armor Officer Advanced courses, and is a
45 graduate of the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the
46 Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War
47 College; and

48 WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Brigadier General
49 Rhodes has earned many prestigious awards and medals, including:
50 the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious
51 Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal
52 with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Iraq Campaign Medal with three
53 Campaign Stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge
54 with one Star, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and various
55 other campaign ribbons and service awards; and

56 WHEREAS, in addition to his role in the Army National Guard,
57 Brigadier General Rhodes is currently the General Manager for the
58 Corinth Gas and Water Department in Corinth, Mississippi, where he
59 resides with his wife Debbie and their two children, Nathan and
60 Suzanne; and

61 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
62 the outstanding service members of this state, such as Brigadier
63 General John Rhodes, whose service to this state and the United
64 States brings honor to every citizen of Mississippi:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
66 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING



67 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate John Rhodes
68 upon being promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, and extend
69 best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
71 furnished to the 66th Troop Command of the Mississippi Army
72 National Guard, Brigadier General John Rhodes and to the members
73 of the Capitol Press Corps.

