

By: Representative Johnson (87th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 40 YEARS OF MILITARY
2 SERVICE OF SERGEANT MAJOR PAUL COLLIER UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS
3 RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Paul Collier has served in the United
5 States Army for 40 years and has dedicated his life to preserving
6 the freedom that we enjoy each day; and

7 WHEREAS, born in Wurzburg, Germany, Sergeant Major Collier is
8 a native of McLaurin, Mississippi, and began his military career
9 on February 9, 1978, when he enlisted in the Mississippi Army
10 National Guard, Company A, 890th Engineers, at Camp Shelby,
11 Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Collier attended basic combat
13 training and advanced individual training at Fort Jackson, South
14 Carolina, and during his military career, he served with the 890th
15 Engineer Battalion; 3/11 Infantry Regiment; 154th Regiment
16 Regional Training Institute (RTI); 108th REGT (RTI); 2nd
17 Battalion; 20th Special Forces Group (SFG); 106th MAINT FSB;



18 2-198th CAB; 1108th Theater Aviation Support Maintenance Group
19 (TASMG); and 168th Engineers; and his last assignment was at Camp
20 Shelby, Mississippi, where he served as the Senior Supply
21 Logistics Supervisor at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training
22 Center; and

23 WHEREAS, having held a variety of leadership positions during
24 his career, Sergeant Major Collier served as a BNCOC/ANCOC
25 Instructor, Officer Candidate School (OCS) Teach-Access-Counsel
26 (TAC) Instructor, Field Artillery Forward Observer
27 Instructor-Subject Matter Expert, Platoon Sergeant, Operations
28 Sergeant, Material Control Accounting Supervisor, Property Book
29 NCO, Equipment Maintenance Clerk, Senior Powder Man/Demolitions
30 Sergeant, Engine Equipment Mechanic NCO, and Senior Supply
31 Logistics Supervisor; and

32 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Collier's outstanding service has
33 taken him to assignments across the globe, including the countries
34 and continents of Panama, Italy and South America, and he was also
35 assigned to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operation Noble
36 Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom in support of the war on
37 terrorism, as well as deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

38 WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Sergeant Major
39 Collier has received numerous awards and decorations including:
40 the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with
41 four oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak
42 leaf clusters, the Army Good Conduct Medal (3rd award), the Army



43 Reserve Components Service Medal (11th award), the National
44 Defense Service Medal with two service stars, the Armed Forces
45 Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Military
46 Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve
47 Medal with a Gold Hourglass and "M" Device and numeral three, the
48 NCO Professional Development Medal with numeral four, the Army
49 Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve
50 Components Overseas Training Ribbon with numeral two, the Global
51 War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with
52 service star, the Parachutist Badge, the Italian Parachutist Badge
53 and the Order of Saint Maurice for outstanding and conspicuous
54 contribution to the Infantry; and

55 WHEREAS, also obtaining numerous state awards and
56 decorations, Sergeant Major Collier received the Mississippi
57 Magnolia Cross, the Mississippi Commendation Medal, the
58 Mississippi Medal of Efficiency, the Mississippi War Medal with
59 two service stars, the Mississippi Emergency Service Medal, the
60 Mississippi Service School Medal with two bronze oak leaf
61 clusters, the Mississippi Longevity Medal with one silver oak leaf
62 cluster and two bronze oak leaf clusters; and

63 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Collier holds a bachelor's degree in
64 business management, and his vast military education includes
65 completing training at the United States Army Sergeant Majors
66 Academy and completing the Advance Non-Commissioned Officers'
67 Course, the Basic Non-Commissioned Officers' Course, the Primary



68 Leadership Development Course, the Structured Self Development
69 Level 5 (SSD), the Qualified Recycling Program (QRP) Managers
70 Course, the Unit Prevention Leader Course, the Tactics
71 Certification Course, the Army Combative Instructors Course, the
72 Total Army Instructor Training Course, the TAC Officer Training
73 and Orientation Course, the TAC Qualification Course, the Distance
74 Learning Instructor Training Course, the Environmental Compliance
75 Officers' Course, the Forward Observer 13F, the Small Group Leader
76 Instructor Training Course, the Battle Focused Instructor Training
77 Course, the Senior Supply Sergeant 92Y, the Battle Skills Course,
78 the Airborne Course, the Unit Supply Course, the Powder-Man
79 Specialist/Demolitions Course and the Wheel Vehicle Mechanic 63B,
80 and Sergeant Major Collier further completed training at the
81 Mississippi Basic Law Enforcement Academy; and

82 WHEREAS, being involved in numerous professional memberships,
83 Sergeant Major Collier is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
84 (VFW) Post 3036, the Mississippi National Guard NCO Association
85 (MSNCOA), the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the
86 United States (EANGUS), the Association of Quartermasters and the
87 National Infantry Association; and

88 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Collier is married to the former
89 Paula Stuckey and they have two sons, 1st Lieutenant Paul "Trey"
90 Collier who is married to Ashley, and Raymond Collier; and

91 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend fine
92 Mississippians such as Sergeant Major Paul Collier who have



93 sacrificed immensely in the service of their country and whose
94 dedication to his career brings great pride to his family,
95 friends, community, the State of Mississippi and this nation as a
96 whole:

97 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
98 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
99 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Sergeant Major Paul Collier on
100 his 40 years of dedicated service to the State of Mississippi and
101 the United States upon the occasion of his retirement from the
102 United States Army, and wish him the best in all of his future
103 endeavors and in the lighter years to come.

104 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
105 furnished to Sergeant Major Paul Collier and to the members of the
106 Capitol Press Corps.

