

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DISTINGUISHED AND  
2 MERITORIOUS SERVICE THAT CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOHN K. CARSON  
3 RENDERED TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND CONGRATULATING HIM  
4 UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, upon providing more than 33 years of selfless and  
6 meritorious service to the United States as a member of the  
7 nation's elite fraternity of Armed Forces personnel, Chief Master  
8 Sergeant John K. Carson retired from the Mississippi Air National  
9 Guard, effective November 30, 2017; and

10 WHEREAS, born on July 23, 1961, at Bergstrom Air Force Base,  
11 in Austin, Texas, into the military familial union of his parents  
12 Kyle and Brenda Carson, a life of service to mankind was  
13 inexplicably and innately embedded into the genetic makeup of John  
14 K. Carson, a 1979 Wingfield High School graduate and 1989 bachelor  
15 of science degree recipient in psychology from the University of  
16 Southern Mississippi, who entered into the Mississippi Air  
17 National Guard on June 4, 1984, beginning his esteemed military  
18 career as an In-flight Medical Service Specialist utilizing  
19 various military and civilian airframes, and continually



20 distinguishing himself in the performance of outstanding service  
21 to this nation while assigned to the 183d Aeromedical Evacuation  
22 Squadron, wherein he scaled the ranks of meritorious promotion to  
23 achieve the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, Superintendent, on May  
24 14, 2011; and

25 WHEREAS, as a seasoned flight examiner, Chief Carson's  
26 superior leadership and ceaseless efforts resulted in major  
27 contributions to the total force aeromedical mission, amassing  
28 more than 914 flight hours and 27 combat hours during 452 sorties  
29 on multiple airframes, including the C-141, C-9, C-130, KC-135 and  
30 C-17, where his display of ingenuity and untiring devotion enabled  
31 him to serve as instructor, examiner, First Sergeant and  
32 eventually Squadron Superintendent, always leading by example and  
33 cultivating a penchant for balancing qualifications with assigned  
34 squadron duties; and

35 WHEREAS, his selfless dedication and exceptional skills  
36 remained an essential component of his adept ability to enable  
37 each unit under his command to perform their worldwide aeromedical  
38 mission in support of the several major operations over the span  
39 of his 33-year career, including: Operation Desert Shield/Storm  
40 (December 1990 to March 1991); Noble Eagle, a two-month detail  
41 following the September 11th attack in 2001; Operation Enduring  
42 Freedom (January 2001 to June 2002), serving as Superintendent for  
43 Kandahar Air Field and Camp Bastion, Afghanistan; Inherent Resolve  
44 and Operation Freedom's Sentinel (September 2014 to January 2015),



45 in the wake of the bombing in Syria, where he served as both  
46 Squadron Superintendent and First Sergeant at Al Udeid Air Base,  
47 Qatar; and the provision of humanitarian support for several  
48 hurricanes; and

49 WHEREAS, equipped with a wealth of experience acquired from  
50 seven years of service as the most prestigious enlisted officer in  
51 the 183d beginning in 2011, Chief Carson has zealously led his  
52 unit in efforts of promoting mission effectiveness, morale, health  
53 welfare, discipline and effective utilization of assigned  
54 personnel, which greatly attributed to the unit's receipt of  
55 "EXCELLENT" and "EFFECTIVE" results on the 2012 Operational  
56 Readiness Inspection and the 2014 Unit Effectiveness Inspection;  
57 and

58 WHEREAS, in addition to rendering valiant patriotic service  
59 to the Armed Forces extension of the Mississippi National Guard,  
60 Chief Carson, simultaneously devoted more than 25 years of service  
61 to the State of Mississippi, where his professionalism,  
62 camaraderie and efficiency of tasks were provided to the  
63 Department of Human Services as eligibility work in 1989, as well  
64 as an EMS Network Administrator for the State Department of Health  
65 and the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board, before joining the  
66 Legislative Budget Office in 1996, wherefrom he retired in 2014 as  
67 Senior Systems Analyst with 18 years of laudable service; and

68 WHEREAS, a three-time recipient of the 172d Airlift Wing  
69 First Sergeant of the Year recognition in 2003, 2007 and 2008,



70 Chief Carson's venerated career has culminated in his receipt of  
71 numerous recognitions and decorations including: the Meritorious  
72 Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters; the Air Force  
73 Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; the Combat Readiness  
74 Medal with seven oak leaf clusters; the Humanitarian Service  
75 Medal; the Mississippi Magnolia Medal; the Mississippi Service  
76 School Ribbon with two oak leaf clusters; the Mississippi  
77 Emergency Service Medal and the Louisiana Emergency Service Medal;  
78 and

79 WHEREAS, Chief Carson, a community-oriented individual,  
80 prides himself on his greatest personal accomplishment, his  
81 family: wife of almost 32 years, Merry Helgeson Carson, and sons  
82 Timothy and Daniel, who have supported and inspired him in all of  
83 his military and civilian endeavors; Chief Carson is a faithful  
84 member of Morrison Heights Baptist Church, where he is a deacon  
85 in rotation, as well as devoting his time to volunteering with  
86 Kids AT, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Boy Scouts of America Troop  
87 345, where he served as Assistant Scoutmaster; and

88 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
89 the singularly distinctive career and accomplishments of such an  
90 immensely gallant individual as Chief Master Sergeant Carson,  
91 whose service to these United States and its global allies have  
92 culminated in a long and distinguished career and reflect great  
93 credit upon himself, the Air National Guard and the United States  
94 Air Force:



95           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
96 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
97 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the distinguished and  
98 meritorious service that Chief Master Sergeant John K. Carson  
99 rendered to the United States of America, congratulate him upon  
100 the occasion of his retirement and extend best wishes for  
101 continued success in all of his future endeavors while enjoying  
102 the lighter years of life.

103           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
104 furnished to Chief Master Sergeant John K. Carson and to the  
105 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

