

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE VALOR AND
2 SELFLESSNESS OF SECOND LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN WHITE UPON THE
3 OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL GUARD
4 AFTER 33 YEARS OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, on October 1, 2017, the distinguished and patriotic
6 Second Lieutenant Colonel John White retired from the Mississippi
7 Air National Guard after 33 years of exemplary service and
8 admirable military prowess; and

9 WHEREAS, Colonel White graduated from Florence High School
10 before furthering his education at Hinds Community College and the
11 University of Southern Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, engulfed by an altruistic desire to protect and
13 defend his country, John White joined the Mississippi Air National
14 Guard in September 1984 and went to Lackland Air Force Base for
15 basic training and then to Sheppard Air Force Base for technical
16 school; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1992, because of his unparalleled dedication to
18 the United States of America and his courageous fight and
19 perseverance, Mr. White became the Non-Commissioned Officer in



20 Charge for the 172nd Intelligence Office, and he attended
21 Intelligence Operations School at Goodfellow Air Force Base in
22 Texas; and

23 WHEREAS, after he returned to the 172nd Airlift Wing, Mr.
24 White was interviewed for an officer position and was accepted, so
25 he attended the Academy of Military Science in Knoxville,
26 Tennessee, where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant
27 Colonel and then began serving the Mississippi Air National Guard
28 as the Wing Intelligence Officer; and

29 WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, tragedy struck the majestic
30 soil of Lady Liberty, and because of his expertise and experience,
31 Colonel White was called to the Pentagon to build the Crisis
32 Action Team for the War on Terrorism; and

33 WHEREAS, immediately after his tour at the Pentagon, Colonel
34 White was sent to Ramstein Air Base in Germany to head up the
35 Intelligence Office for the European Strategic Inter-theater
36 Deployment; and

37 WHEREAS, after he had served for a year in Germany, Colonel
38 White was presidentially activated to Ramstein, Germany, where he
39 ran the largest Intelligence Office in the Air Force, and during
40 this intense and trying time, he made over 22 missions to Iraq and
41 Afghanistan; and

42 WHEREAS, Colonel White was deployed to Baghram Air Base
43 Afghanistan as the Senior Intelligence Officer in 2012, and in



44 2013, he was deployed to Kandahar Air Base Afghanistan as a Senior
45 Intelligence Officer for the Wing; and

46 WHEREAS, when he is not training with his military unit,
47 Colonel White enjoys spending time with his wife of 22 years,
48 Penny, who has showered him with loving support throughout his
49 career, his children, Gennifer, Olivia and Veronica, and his
50 grandchildren, Daniel, Penelope and Everly, and he is the co-owner
51 of Two Gun Tactical in Flowood, Mississippi; and

52 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
53 recognize and salute heroic, patriotic Mississippians, especially
54 those such as Second Lieutenant Colonel John White, for his
55 remarkable dedication and incomparable service to the United
56 States of America and the State of Mississippi:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
59 recognize and commend the valor and selflessness of Second
60 Lieutenant Colonel John White upon the occasion of his retirement
61 from the Mississippi Air National Guard after 33 years of
62 exceptional service and express sincere wishes for continued
63 success in all of his future endeavors.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to Second Lieutenant Colonel John White and to the
66 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

