

By: Representative Henley

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE  
2 HEROISM OF SERGEANT TREY TRONEY AND THE REMARKABLE BENEVOLENCE  
3 THAT HE SHOWED TO MR. JEFF UDGER.

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Trey Troney, a resident of Raleigh,  
5 Mississippi, embodies all of the characteristics of a true hero -  
6 intrepidity, valor, prowess, gallantry, bravery, courage and  
7 fearlessness - and on December 22, 2018, his heroism, patience and  
8 military training helped him save another man's life; and

9 WHEREAS, as a field artillery cannon crewmember assigned to  
10 Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st  
11 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Sergeant Troney  
12 has faced dangerous, deadly situations that demanded he put his  
13 life on the line throughout his three years in the United States  
14 Army, and on that fateful day in December, he was the perfect  
15 person to assist Jeff Udger of Longview, Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, Sergeant Troney was on his way home to Raleigh from  
17 his station in Fort Bliss, Texas, when he saw an accident on  
18 Interstate 20 near Sweetwater, Texas, and pulled over, and upon



19 approaching Mr. Udger's vehicle, Sergeant Troney noticed that he  
20 was slumped over the steering wheel of his truck; and

21 WHEREAS, after two other men helped him pry open the door,  
22 Sergeant Troney used his brand new "Salute to Service" New Orleans  
23 Saints hoodie to stop the bleeding on Mr. Udger's head, and soon  
24 after, his eagle eye and medic training alerted him to the fact  
25 that the left side of Mr. Udger's chest was not moving, which  
26 meant his lung had collapsed; and

27 WHEREAS, Sergeant Troney had to jump into action, as only  
28 minutes stood between life and death for Mr. Udger, so he ran to  
29 his Jeep and miraculously found some first aid supplies from his  
30 brigade's recent rotation at the National Training Center in Fort  
31 Irwin, California; and

32 WHEREAS, Sergeant Troney, who was equipped with a needle  
33 chest decompression (NCD), a first aid kit and nerves of steel,  
34 raced back to Mr. Udger's side, who had lost consciousness due to  
35 blood loss, but Sergeant Troney knew just what to do,  
36 unfortunately, the NCD was too short to reach Mr. Udger's  
37 collapsed lung and relieve pressure; and

38 WHEREAS, quickly moving on to plan B, Sergeant Troney  
39 channeled his inner MacGyver and tore off the ends of a ballpoint  
40 pen, removed the ink, and put the NCD in the hole, then wiggled  
41 the pen with his hand in between the ribs and watched as the  
42 bubbles began to emerge from the tip and life was restored to Mr.  
43 Udger; and



44 WHEREAS, when state troopers and paramedics arrived to the  
45 wreck, they were shocked and confused, but the paramedics credited  
46 Sergeant Troney with saving Mr. Udger's life, and the state  
47 trooper even bought him a meal up the road; and

48 WHEREAS, once Mr. Udger was well enough to respond to what  
49 had happened to him, he praised Sergeant Troney's response as  
50 heroic, contacting everyone he could to tell them how thankful he  
51 was that Sergeant Troney had been passing by that day; and

52 WHEREAS, Captain Angel Alegre, the battery commander of  
53 Sergeant Troney's unit, was not surprised at all by his actions,  
54 describing him as a man of action who excels in times of  
55 adversity, and Sergeant Troney gives credit to the 100 degree heat  
56 in El Paso for his knowledge, as the soldiers would trade coveted  
57 DripDrop hydration packs during training for demonstrated  
58 knowledge of combat medicine; and

59 WHEREAS, one of the best and brightest of his battery,  
60 Sergeant Troney walked away from the experience with a better  
61 understanding of how his training can help people outside of the  
62 army, and thanks to Sergeant Troney, Mr. Udger was able to walk  
63 away from the experience with his life and a full recovery on his  
64 horizon; and

65 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to pay tribute  
66 to fine, heroic Mississippians such as Sergeant Trey Troney, whose  
67 dauntless fortitude and unwavering courage remained steadfast  
68 despite the absence of his army fatigues, motivating and inspiring



69 the Raleigh community and the people of the great State of  
70 Mississippi:

71 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
72 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
73 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and commend the heroism of  
74 Sergeant Trey Troney and the remarkable benevolence that he showed  
75 to Mr. Jeff Udger, and extend sincere wishes for continued success  
76 in all of his future endeavors.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
78 furnished to Sergeant Trey Troney and to the members of the  
79 Capitol Press Corps.

