

By: Representatives Cockerham, Young, Hines, To: Rules
Clarke, Rosebud, Dixon, Karriem, Sykes,
Harness, Faulkner, Paden, Johnson (94th),
Williams-Barnes, Anderson, Anthony, Bailey,
Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Burnett,
Calhoun, Clark, Denton, Dortch, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Holloway,
Hudson, Mickens, Scott, Straughter, Taylor, Walker, Watson, Osborne,
Crudup

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE VALOR AND
2 SELFLESSNESS OF RETIRED LIEUTENANT COLONEL LUCIUS WRIGHT UPON HIS
3 INDUCTION INTO THE JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY ARMY ROTC HALL OF
4 FAME.

5 WHEREAS, the Jackson State University Hall of Fame inductees
6 are an esteemed group of remarkable individuals who have
7 distinguished themselves over their lifetime by making an impact
8 on society through their respective professions, community
9 involvement, philanthropic endeavors and support for Jackson State
10 University, and Retired Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Lucius Wright
11 certainly fits that mold; and

12 WHEREAS, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and the son of the
13 late Lee and Mary Wright, LTC Wright was educated in the Baltimore
14 Public School System and not only received his bachelor of science
15 degree from Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia, but also
16 became a member of an elite fraternity of soldiers and received
17 his commission as an Army Field Artillery Second Lieutenant in May
18 1965; and



19 WHEREAS, upon completion of an initial Field Artillery
20 assignment at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he completed the Army's
21 Aviation Course at Fort Stewart, Georgia, and Fort Rucker,
22 Alabama, en route to the first of two Combat Aviation assignments
23 in the Republic of Vietnam; and

24 WHEREAS, LTC Wright's duty assignments have been both
25 numerous and heroic, including as the Assistant Professor of
26 Military Science at Jackson State University from 1972 until 1975
27 and overseas as the Intelligence Staff Officer with the 210th
28 Field Artillery Group and also Deputy Commander of the 70th
29 Transportation Battalion (Aviation) from 1975 until 1978 in the
30 Federal Republic of Germany; and

31 WHEREAS, his statewide assignments include illustriously
32 serving as Commander of the Aviation Division at Dugway Proving
33 Ground in Utah from 1979 until 1983 and as Director, Security and
34 Intelligence Directorate, of the Communications and Electronics
35 Command at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, from 1983 until 1986, and
36 after bravely serving and defending the soil of Lady Liberty for
37 over 20 years, he retired from active duty in 1986; and

38 WHEREAS, throughout his military career, LTC Wright has
39 uniformed himself in fatigues as well as intrepid displays of
40 fortitude in the face of danger and uncertainty, but he also
41 outfits himself in the navy blue and white of Jackson State
42 University at every opportunity, as he received his master's
43 degree from the acclaimed university before graduating with a



doctorate in educational leadership from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, LTC Wright recently retired as the Director of Army Instruction (JROTC) for the Jackson Public School District, and because of his unparalleled dedication to the United States of America and his courageous fight and perseverance, he has received some of the highest awards a noble combatant can receive, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Purple Heart, two (2) Bronze Stars, Air Medal with fourteen (14) Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, the Master Aviator's Badge, and numerous other awards and decorations; and

WHEREAS, additionally, LTC Wright was recognized by President Bill Clinton in his 1996 State of the Union Address as a Star Citizen and as the first Olympic Torch Bearer selected in the United States for the 1996 Olympic Games held in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, LTC Wright is the husband of the lovely Bonnie Lee Wright and the father of children, Nathaniel Wright and Michelle Joy Wright, and stepchildren, Daphne Clayton Grissom and Larry Clayton, and he is currently the President and CEO of Total Business Development, Inc. in Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to recognize and salute heroic, patriotic Mississippians, especially those such as Retired Lieutenant Colonel Lucius Wright, for his



68 unparalleled dedication and incomparable service to the United
69 States of America and the State of Mississippi:

70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
71 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
72 recognize and commend the valor and selflessness of Retired
73 Lieutenant Colonel Lucius Wright upon his induction into the
74 Jackson State University Army ROTC Hall of Fame and extend sincere
75 wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
77 furnished to Lieutenant Colonel Lucius Wright and to the members
78 of the Capitol Press Corps.

