

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING RETIRED MAJOR GENERAL AUGUSTUS LEON
2 COLLINS UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY ARMY
3 ROTC HALL OF FAME.

4 WHEREAS, the Jackson State University Army ROTC Hall of Fame
5 inductees are an esteemed group of remarkable individuals who have
6 distinguished themselves over their lifetime by making an impact
7 on society through their respective professions, community
8 involvement, philanthropic endeavors, and support for Jackson
9 State University, and retired Major General Augustus Collins
10 certainly fits that mold; and

11 WHEREAS, the third annual Jackson State University Army ROTC
12 Hall of Fame induction ceremony on March 21, 2019, coincides with
13 the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Army ROTC program
14 at JSU, and since its formation, over 700 young men and women have
15 earned their gold bars as Second Lieutenants in the United States
16 Army and four General Officers have been produced, one of whom is
17 Major General Collins; and



18 WHEREAS, Major General Collins received a bachelor's degree
19 in business administration from the University of Mississippi, a
20 master's degree in business administration from Jackson State
21 University and an additional master's degree in strategic studies
22 from the United States Army War College; and

23 WHEREAS, as a man of incredible character and superb stature,
24 Major General Collins served in the United States Army and
25 Mississippi National Guard for more than 35 years, and during his
26 tenure, he held numerous command and staff positions, including
27 command of the Mississippi National Guard's 155th Brigade Combat
28 Team, which deployed to Iraq and was responsible for security
29 operations in the southern and western provinces; and

30 WHEREAS, as the first African American to attain the rank of
31 General in the history of the Mississippi National Guard, Major
32 General Collins was promoted to Brigadier General in 2005, after
33 garnering much respect and admiration from his colleagues and
34 superiors; and

35 WHEREAS, from 2007 until 2010, Major General Collins served
36 as representative of labor for the Mississippi Worker's
37 Compensation Commission, and from 2010 until 2012 he served as
38 executive vice president of MINACT, Inc., a Mississippi-based
39 contractor that supports the United States Department of Labor's
40 Job Corps program throughout the nation; and

41 WHEREAS, after serving five years as the adjutant general of
42 both the Mississippi National Guard and the Mississippi Air



43 National Guard, Major General Collins retired in 2016, and is the
44 current CEO of MINACT, Inc.; and

45 WHEREAS, throughout his stellar career, Major General Collins
46 inspired everyone he encountered, and with his indomitable grit
47 and passionate determination, he continues to inspire all of those
48 around him to strive for excellence each day; and

49 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
50 pay tribute to great, heroic Mississippians such as retired Major
51 General Augustus Leon Collins, who have dedicated their lives to
52 preserving the freedoms that we enjoy each day and whose
53 unparalleled leadership, dauntless fortitude and unwavering duty
54 brings honor to the State of Mississippi and the United States of
55 America:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
57 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
58 commend retired Major General Augustus Leon Collins upon his
59 induction into the Jackson State University Army ROTC Hall of
60 Fame, and extend best wishes for continued success in all of his
61 future endeavors.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 furnished to retired Major General Augustus Leon Collins and to
64 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

