

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LEADERSHIP AND
2 FORESIGHT OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL REUBEN SOLIZ, COMMANDER OF THE
3 379TH EXPEDITIONARY AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION SQUADRON, FOR EXEMPLARY
4 AND MERITORIOUS RESPONSE TO ADVERSITY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF
5 THOSE UNDER HIS COMMAND.

6 WHEREAS, every day, fearlessly brave Mississippians and
7 service members from around the nation who have taken the oath to
8 uphold the United States Constitution and faithfully defend this
9 nation's borders and global principals of democracy and justice as
10 members of the United States Armed Forces, place their lives on
11 the line for the assurance of our safety and protection; and

12 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Reuben Soliz, Commander of the
13 379th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, is one such
14 individual whose extraordinary leadership and selflessness above
15 and beyond the call of duty, was on full display during recent
16 operations in support of Operation Inherent Resolve; and

17 WHEREAS, in response to the rising threat of total war with
18 the nation of Iran resulting from incidents at the United States
19 Embassy in Baghdad and the termination of Major General Qasem



20 Soleimani, Lieutenant Colonel Soliz exhausted every possible
21 resource at his disposal, engaging the highest levels of United
22 States Air Forces Central Command (AFCENT) Wing Command, to ensure
23 the safe airlift of members of Aeromedical Evacuation Liaison Team
24 II, comprised of forces representing the Mississippi Air
25 National Guard, out of the forward threat area; and

26 WHEREAS, his steadfast dedication to the safety and
27 well-being of the men under his command led him to expeditiously
28 procure passage upon a Special Operations Command rotary-wing
29 asset, unknown to most forces, ensuring an expedient departure for
30 his personnel from a highly volatile location wherein conditions
31 were deteriorating quickly; and

32 WHEREAS, his unmatched intuition and resolve led to the
33 extraction and safety of the team under his command as well as
34 their ability to continue to carry out their mission in support of
35 the aeromedical evacuation of American military personnel in Iraq;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
38 and commend the selfless display of courage under fire, as
39 exemplified in the actions of Lieutenant Colonel Reuben Soliz,
40 whose experiences in encountering hostile attack allowed him to
41 gage the presence of a threat of imminent harm and respond with
42 expeditionary tactfulness to remove his squadron members from
43 harm:



44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
45 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
46 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the leadership and foresight of
47 Lieutenant Colonel Reuben Soliz, Commander of the 379th
48 Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, for exemplary and
49 meritorious response to adversity to ensure the safety of those
50 under his command.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to Lieutenant Colonel Ruben Soliz and to the members of
53 the Capitol Press Corps.

