

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14
(As Adopted by the House)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING VETERANS OF
2 THE VIETNAM WAR, ESPECIALLY REPRESENTATIVE MANLY BARTON AND
3 REPRESENTATIVE MAC HUDDLESTON, WHO WERE EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE.

4 WHEREAS, our great nation was conceived by those who were
5 willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure
6 our individual and collective freedom, and the Magnolia State is
7 especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women
8 who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

9 WHEREAS, the citizens of the United States have, throughout
10 the years, been called upon to take up arms against the enemies of
11 this nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones
12 behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties
13 guaranteed to all Americans and vanquishing those who threaten our
14 way of life; and

15 WHEREAS, more than eight million citizens of this country
16 honorably served during the Vietnam War, during which time Agent
17 Orange was widely used in Vietnam by the United States Armed



18 Forces as part of the herbicidal warfare program Operation Ranch
19 Hand from 1961 until 1971; and

20 WHEREAS, nearly 20 million gallons of the orange powder were
21 sprayed over the land from helicopters or low-flying aircraft,
22 destroying vegetation and crops in order to deprive enemy
23 guerrillas of food and cover for their activities and exposing 2.6
24 million American soldiers to the herbicide and defoliant chemical;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Agent Orange is a dioxin and cancer-causing chemical
27 that enters the body through physical contact or ingestion and
28 moves into the human cell nucleus, where it attacks the genes and
29 causes a number of serious illnesses, including leukemia,
30 lymphoma, myeloma, ischemic heart disease, soft tissue sarcoma,
31 amyloidosis, diabetes, and cancers of the throat, prostate, lung
32 and colon; and

33 WHEREAS, Agent Orange also causes genetic damage, and in some
34 cases, the children and grandchildren of veterans exposed to Agent
35 Orange have been born with spina bifida and other issues; and

36 WHEREAS, today, only 800,000 Vietnam veterans exposed to
37 Agent Orange are alive, and approximately 300 deaths occur among
38 these valiant veterans each day; and

39 WHEREAS, while fallen comrades are memorialized on The Wall
40 at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., those
41 veterans who are victims of Agent Orange are not recognized as
42 fatalities of the Vietnam War; and



43 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to honor these
44 veterans, especially Representative Manly Barton and
45 Representative Mac Huddleston, who were exposed to Agent Orange,
46 as they have made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve
47 the liberties we enjoy today and that our descendants will
48 hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
51 THEREIN, That we recognize and honor the veterans of the Vietnam
52 War, especially Representative Manly Barton and Representative Mac
53 Huddleston, who were exposed to Agent Orange for their courageous
54 service to our nation as some of America's most heroic citizens.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
56 furnished to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

