

By: Representative Carpenter

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 57

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MAJOR GENERAL
2 BILLY M. NABORS FOR 38 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE
3 TO THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS
4 RETIREMENT.

5 WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of an estimable career of 38
6 years, we honor the exemplary and outstanding service of Major
7 General Billy M. Nabors, whom the Mississippi National Guard has
8 awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally
9 meritorious service over a long and distinguished career in the
10 service of his country, state and the United States Air Force and
11 the men and women of the Mississippi National Guard; and

12 WHEREAS, Major General Nabors serves as the Assistant
13 Adjutant General and Commander of the Mississippi Air National
14 Guard, accountable to the Adjutant General for directing Air
15 National Guard operations and establishing policy to ensure the
16 combat readiness and mission capability of the 186th Air Refueling
17 Wing, 172nd Airlift Wing and Combat Readiness Training Center; and

18 WHEREAS, additionally, Major General Nabors serves as the
19 state Assistant Adjutant General, providing oversight of the



20 Mississippi National Guard Human Resources and State Resources
21 Offices and advises the Adjutant General on full-time issues
22 affecting the National Guard; and

23 WHEREAS, commissioned through Officer Training School, Major
24 General Nabors graduated Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus
25 Air Force Base in 1985, whereafter he served eight years in active
26 duty as a T-37 instructor for Air Training Command, and KC-135A/R
27 aircraft commander for Strategic Air Command, before transitioning
28 in 1992 to the Mississippi Air National Guard's 186th Air
29 Refueling Wing, where he held command at all levels and served two
30 tours as Pacific Tanker Task Force Commander; and

31 WHEREAS, upon undertaking his newly assigned command post
32 with the Mississippi Air National Guard, Major General Nabors also
33 managed the National Guard Bureau's Project Liberty program and
34 led three unit aircraft conversions; and

35 WHEREAS, a command pilot in the KC-135A/R, C-27J and C-12, he
36 is a combat veteran of Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Kosovo and
37 Enduring/Iraqi Freedom, Major General Nabors served as Chief of
38 Staff, Mississippi Air National Guard immediately prior to his
39 appointment to the current position from which he now retires; and

40 WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America,
41 authorized by an Act of Congress on July 9, 1918, has awarded the
42 Distinguished Service Medal to Major General Billy M. Nabors for
43 exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great
44 responsibility; and



45 WHEREAS, from August 4, 2018, to March 6, 2022, Major General
46 Nabors distinguished himself as the Assistant Adjutant
47 General-Air, during which time his outstanding leadership enabled
48 the Wings to accomplish over 13,800 contingency flying hours,
49 offloading more than 38,000,000 pounds of aviation fuel and
50 transporting 32,900 tons of critical supplies across the globe;
51 and

52 WHEREAS, his intrepid leadership has provided oversight of
53 the execution of over \$257 Million of operations and maintenance
54 monies and \$16 Million in sustainment, renovation, maintenance and
55 military construction expenditures, guaranteeing the continuous
56 improvement of all three Mississippi Air National Guard
57 installations, while concurrently providing inimitable support to
58 the State of Mississippi during the COVID-19 pandemic, by
59 providing 225 Airmen for over one year of testing and vaccination
60 site manning, administering 226,000 virus tests and 750,000
61 vaccinations in the daily manning of 307 testing and vaccination
62 sites; and

63 WHEREAS, Major General Nabors managed the stand-up of
64 Mississippi's first Dual Status Command during the Delta Variant
65 response, managing two Title-10 medical teams and one Title-32
66 medical team in the provision of in-hospital support; and

67 WHEREAS, while managing boots on the ground for COVID-19
68 support and mediation, Major General Nabors drafted the
69 Mississippi Air National Guard's first force management and



70 recruiting and retention policies that not only ensures the
71 continued ability of the Mississippi Air National Guard to be a
72 force provider of mission ready Airmen, but also guarantees that
73 all Mississippi Airmen have a vested connection to their unit,
74 while simultaneously growing and progressing in their careers; and

75 WHEREAS, Major General Nabors has made great strides to raise
76 awareness regarding the many benefits of diversity and inclusion
77 at all levels of the command through an innovative approach to
78 target awareness, garnering the Mississippi Air National Guard
79 Command Team the 2020 Air National Guard Goldfein-Wright Inclusive
80 Leadership Award; and

81 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
82 recognize the zealous dedication of public servants like Major
83 General Nabors' rapport, who has brought honor to his military
84 service, his nation, and to the State of Mississippi:

85 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
86 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
87 commend and congratulate Major General Billy M. Nabors for his
88 exemplary and outstanding service to the men and women of the
89 Mississippi National Guard and extend to him and his family best
90 wishes for future success as he enjoys the lighter years of
91 retirement.

92 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
93 furnished to Major General Billy M. Nabors and to the members of
94 the Capitol Press Corps.

