

By: Senator(s) Sparks, McMahan, England,  
Thompson, Michel, McLendon, Butler (38th),  
Frazier, Jackson (11th)

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 604

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LEGACY OF  
2 UNITED STATES ARMY KOREAN WAR CASUALTY PFC JIMMY ROWLAND OF  
3 BALDWIN, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS IDENTIFIED AMONG THE UNKNOWN BURIED  
4 SOLDIERS IN THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC  
5 (PUNCHBOWL) IN HONOLULU, HAWAII, AND EXTENDING THE DEEPEST  
6 SYMPATHY AND RESPECT OF THE LEGISLATURE TO HIS SURVIVING FAMILY.

7 WHEREAS, we join the family and community of Baldwin,  
8 Mississippi, in welcoming home United States Army Korean War  
9 casualty Private First Class (PFC) Jimmy Rowland; and

10 WHEREAS, PFC Jimmy Rowland was born on February 14, 1931, and  
11 enlisted in the United States Army on December 15, 1948. He  
12 served in the Heavy Mortar Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th  
13 Infantry Division, while the division defended against a  
14 Democratic People's Republic of Korea, also known as North Korea,  
15 offensive in July 1950; and

16 WHEREAS, PFC Rowland was reported Missing In Action while  
17 fighting the enemy along the Kum River north of Taejon, Republic  
18 of Korea (R.O.K., also known as South Korea), on July 16, 1950,  
19 and American forces reported that they could not locate or recover  
20 his remains; and



21           WHEREAS, his unit dropped him from the rolls in August 1950.  
22   In February 1951, four sets of remains were recovered. Three of  
23   the individuals were identified as casualties of the 19th Infantry  
24   Regiment, but the fourth was unable to be identified. Those  
25   remains were later transported with all the other unidentified  
26   Korean War remains and buried as Unknown at the National Memorial  
27   Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu;  
28   and

29           WHEREAS, in July 2018 historians and anthropologists from the  
30   Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency proposed a plan to disinter and  
31   identify the 652 Korean War unknown burials at the Punchbowl. On  
32   March 4, 2019, as part of the Korean War Identification Project  
33   PFC Rowland's remains were disinterred and transferred to the DPAA  
34   Laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Scientists  
35   from DPAA, and scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner  
36   System were successful in identifying PFC Rowland. The family was  
37   then notified with the long-awaited news; and

38           WHEREAS, Rowland's name is recorded on the American Battle  
39   Monument Commission's Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl,  
40   along with others who are still missing from the Korean War. A  
41   rosette was placed next to his name to indicate that he has been  
42   accounted for; and

43           WHEREAS, funeral services with full military honors were held  
44   on January 15, 2022, with his nephew J.B. Williams, Brother Joe  
45   Coggins and United States Representative Trent Kelly officiating.



46 Full graveside services with military honors followed in Asbury  
47 Cemetery in Baldwyn, Mississippi; and

48 WHEREAS, Rowland's family preceding him in death are his  
49 parents, Robert "Bob" Thomas Rowland and Josephine Frances Heavner  
50 Rowland and his twelve siblings. He is survived by his  
51 sister-in-law, Dorothy Rowland; brother-in-law, Flavis A. "Bill"  
52 Bishop; and a host of nieces and nephews; and

53 WHEREAS, PFC Jimmy Rowland's legacy is a strong and free  
54 America, and for his ultimate sacrifice a grateful State of  
55 Mississippi thanks him and his family:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
57 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
58 we do hereby pay tribute to the legacy of United States Army  
59 Korean War Casualty PFC Jimmy Rowland of Baldwyn, Mississippi, who  
60 was identified among the unknown soldiers buried in the National  
61 Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii,  
62 and extend the deepest sympathy and respect of the Legislature to  
63 his surviving family.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution be presented to  
65 the surviving family of Private First Class Jimmy Rowland and made  
66 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

