

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.

