

By: Representative Carpenter

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 156

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE COURAGE AND BRAVERY OF SERGEANT
2 PERNELLUS TURNER AND COMMENDING HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE DURING
3 WORLD WAR II ON BEHALF OF THIS GREAT NATION.

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Pernellus Turner distinguished himself as a
5 fearless combatant in the United States Army when he nobly put his
6 life on the line to protect the freedoms of all Americans during
7 World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, after the relations between the United States and
9 the hostile Axis Powers had diminished and caused Lady Liberty to
10 engage the extremist regime in World War II, Mr. Turner joined an
11 elite fraternity of soldiers in the United States Army and was
12 sworn in on August 23, 1940; and

13 WHEREAS, after he was sworn in, Mr. Turner's military
14 occupation specialty was motor transportation, as he was one of
15 the few African-American soldiers that had a driver's license; and

16 WHEREAS, never wavering in valor, strength and prowess, Mr.
17 Turner was stationed in England and had two tours in France, and
18 during the war, he transported Army vehicles from England to



19 France, as he was in charge of picking up vehicles and delivering
20 them where needed; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner remained a steadfast and brave soldier
22 for the United States of America, and because of his unparalleled
23 bravery and patriotism, he attained the rank of Sergeant; and

24 WHEREAS, after helping facilitate victory for the United
25 States in World War II, the heroic veteran shifted from an
26 invaluable soldier to a priceless contributor in his community, as
27 Sergeant Turner was honorably discharged on April 6, 1945; and

28 WHEREAS, some gave all in World War II, the ultimate price to
29 pay in order to protect the American way of life, and Sergeant
30 Pernellus Turner stood through for the red, white and blue, as his
31 unflinching courage and gallant sacrifice reflected lasting glory
32 upon himself and upheld the noble traditions of the United States
33 Army; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
35 honor heroic Mississippians such as Sergeant Pernellus Turner for
36 his dauntless fortitude and his remarkable dedication to the
37 United States of America and to the people of the State of
38 Mississippi, who are eternally appreciative, for without him, the
39 freedom they know and love would not be possible:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
42 recognize the courage and bravery of Sergeant Pernellus Turner and



43 commend his distinguished service during World War II on behalf of
44 this great nation.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
46 furnished to Sergeant Pernellus Turner and to the members of the
47 Capitol Press Corps.

