

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.

