

By: Senator(s) Tate, McCaughn, Seymour,
DeBar, Suber, Whaley, Barrett, Hickman,
Barnett, Butler (38th), England, Michel,
Moran, Thompson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 552

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS OF WORLD WAR II AND
2 KOREAN WAR PILOT AND PRESIDENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD
3 ASSOCIATION, BRIGADIER GENERAL SAM FORBERT, JR., OF MERIDIAN
4 MISSISSIPPI, COMMENDING HIS MILITARY SERVICE AND EXTENDING
5 CONDOLENCES TO HIS SURVIVING FAMILY.

6 WHEREAS, Mississippi has lost a military hero and
7 distinguished member of the "Greatest Generation". Brigadier
8 General Sam Forbert, Jr., 99, passed away on December 29, 2022;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, General Forbert, of Meridian, Mississippi, was born
11 February 13, 1923, in New Orleans, Louisiana. After high school
12 graduation, he attended Mississippi State University, studying
13 Aeronautical Engineering. He enlisted in the United States Air
14 Force at this time, where he completed his training and flew P-51s
15 in World War II. He was called to active duty with the
16 Mississippi Air Guard for the Korean War, where he was a pilot
17 with the 18th Fighter-Bomber Group; and



18 WHEREAS, he was named Wing Commander of the 186th Tactical
19 Reconnaissance Group on Key Field Air National Guard Base in
20 Meridian, Mississippi, from 1970-1978; and

21 WHEREAS, he was Past President of the Mississippi National
22 Guard Association and was appointed by Governor Haley Barbour to
23 serve on the Veteran Home Purchase Board from 2003-2008; and

24 WHEREAS, his love of flight and his knowledge of military
25 aircraft was present throughout his military career and was used
26 to teach flight as well as encourage many servicemen and women who
27 found Meridian their temporary home. He was an active presence at
28 Key Field and NAS; and

29 WHEREAS, after his retirement in the military, General
30 Forbert maintained his private business as an Insurance Agent for
31 Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company in Meridian, Mississippi. He
32 was a member of First Baptist Church Meridian and the Downtown
33 Rotary Club in Meridian. He enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid
34 hunter and fisherman; and

35 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his wife, Aline Adams
36 Forbert; his parents, Sam and Garnet Forbert; his
37 great-granddaughter, Allie Carruth and grandson-in-law, Joseph
38 Sanders. He is survived by his children, Steve Forbert (Diane),
39 Charles Forbert and Lisa Forbert; his grandchildren: Albree Florey
40 (Scotty), Leslie Carruth (Bill), Sam Forbert (Rachel), David
41 Forbert (Leah) and Katherine Forbert; his great-grandchildren:
42 Scotland Sanders Sutton (Levi), Arlyn Grace Sanders, Shep



43 Sanders, William Carruth, Ethan Forbert, Liam Forbert, Roman
44 Forbert, Jackson Florey and Addie Florey; his
45 great-great-grandchildren: Milo Sutton and Ivey Jane Sutton; and
46 his brother Dave Forbert (Amy); and

47 WHEREAS, General Forbert's legacy is a strong and free
48 America, and for this and for a lifetime of selfless service, a
49 grateful State of Mississippi thanks him:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
52 we do hereby mourn the loss of World War II and Korean War Pilot
53 and Past President of the Mississippi National Guard Association
54 Brigadier General Sam Forbert, Jr., of Meridian, Mississippi,
55 commending his military service and extending condolences to his
56 surviving family.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 the surviving family of General Forbert, forwarded to the
59 Mississippi National Guard Association and made available to the
60 Capitol Press Corps.

