

By: Senator(s) McCaughn, Sparks, Seymour,
Hill, Suber, Johnson, Barrett, England,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING DEFENSE MISSIONS AND
2 INSTALLATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO
3 NATIONAL SECURITY.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi's military personnel,
5 installations and infrastructure make significant contributions to
6 the security of the United States and the State of Mississippi's
7 economy; and

8 WHEREAS, United States Department of Defense spending in
9 Mississippi totaled \$5.6 billion and accounted for 4.3 percent of
10 the state's GDP in federal fiscal year 2021; and

11 WHEREAS, United States Department of Defense missions are
12 housed at installations across the state, which together account
13 for 36,538 Active Duty, Civilian, Reserve or National Guard
14 personnel; and

15 WHEREAS, Keesler Air Force Base is home to the 2nd Air Force
16 Command. It is also home to the Electronics Center of Excellence
17 for the U.S. Air Force, the 81st Training Wing and the 403rd Wing,
18 better known as the Hurricane Hunters; and



19 WHEREAS, NASA John C. Stennis Space Center tests the world's
20 largest rocket engines and is home to the Naval Meteorology and
21 Oceanography Command which produces forecast models from the
22 seafloor to space. Other resident Department of Defense agencies
23 include domestic and international training schools; and

24 WHEREAS, Columbus Air Force Base is home to the 14th Flying
25 Training Wing, where one third of all Air Force undergraduate
26 trainees earn their wings, with nearly 500 students enrolling each
27 year; and

28 WHEREAS, the Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport
29 provides operational and administrative support to active and
30 reserve battalions in support of missions worldwide; and

31 WHEREAS, Naval Air Station Meridian is home to Training Air
32 Wing One, where 50% of aviators on Navy Carriers get heir wings
33 through advanced pilot training in operation combat aircraft; and

34 WHEREAS, Key Field Air National Guard houses a fleet of
35 KC-135R "Stratotanker" refueling jets that make up the 186th Air
36 Refueling Wing, which provides support for worldwide missions; and

37 WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Shipbuilding Gulf Coast provides
38 professional oversight and management of shipbuilding to provide
39 the United States Navy with vessels for naval dominance; and

40 WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development
41 Center in Vicksburg provides solutions to civil and military
42 engineering, geospatial sciences, water resources and
43 environmental sciences; and



44 WHEREAS, Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center serves as a
45 training site for all branches of service to accomplish individual
46 and collective mission-essential tasks that integrate across all
47 domains; and

48 WHEREAS, Camp McCain training exercises include tank
49 maneuvers, artillery operations and general training for National
50 Guard units; and

51 WHEREAS, Allen C. Thompson Air National Guard Base is home to
52 the 172nd Airlift Wing which operates the C-17 "Globemaster" and
53 participates in all-volunteer mobilization and activation, flying
54 missions around the world to support national objectives; and

55 WHEREAS, the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center
56 provides integrated, joint, year-round, realistic training for
57 military organizations to enhance their capabilities and combat
58 readiness; and

59 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is home to other Active
60 Duty, Civilian, Reserve and National Guard Forces that protect and
61 secure the homeland; and

62 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense continues to
63 engage in efforts and initiatives that may make substantial
64 changes to military installations that could affect
65 infrastructure, personnel and funding for Active Duty, Civilian,
66 Reserve and National Guard forces in the State of Mississippi; and



67 WHEREAS, in 2022, the Governor of Mississippi established the
68 Mississippi Defense Communities Development Council to advocate
69 and advise on behalf of the state's military installations; and

70 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has strategic assets for
71 Department of Defense operations and Department of Defense
72 manufacturing which contribute to the security and national
73 defense of the United States of America:

74 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
75 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and support the men and
76 women who serve on Department of Defense missions and at
77 Department of Defense installations in the State of Mississippi.

78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we reinforce the State of
79 Mississippi's commitment to Department of Defense missions and
80 Department of Defense installations which are key to the national
81 security of the United States.

82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage continued
83 cooperation and dialogue among the Mississippi Defense Communities
84 Development Council and the Department of Defense communities to
85 retain, expand and attract Department of Defense missions.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted
87 to the Adjutant General of Mississippi, the Governor's Office of
88 Military Affairs, and the Chairman of the Mississippi Defense
89 Communities Council, and be made available to the members of the
90 Capitol Press Corps.

