

By: Representatives Hall, Mangold

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF COMMAND
2 SERGEANT MAJOR PLEZ WILLIAM SUMMERS III AND MEMORIALIZING THE
3 DEDICATION OF THE EAST GATE ENTRANCE TO CAMP SHELBY IN HIS HONOR.

4 WHEREAS, with great distinction, the East Gate entrance to
5 Camp Shelby will now be known and referred to as the "CSM Summers'
6 East Gate" 31°11'46"N 89°10'58"W; and

7 WHEREAS, the honor of naming this gate is properly bestowed
8 in memoriam of Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Plez William Summers
9 III who lost his life in performance of his duties on June 14,
10 2024, while serving as the Command Sergeant Major of Camp Shelby
11 Joint Forces Training Center; and

12 WHEREAS, because the one year anniversary of his passing is
13 June 14, 2025, the Mississippi Guard will host a ceremony in his
14 honor later this year; and

15 WHEREAS, CSM Summers enlisted in the Mississippi Army
16 National Guard in 1988, and upon completing Basic Training, he
17 enrolled in ROTC at Jackson State University, where he earned his
18 Commission in 1990; and



19 WHEREAS, in November 2002, he resigned his Commission, and
20 accepted an enlisted full-time Active Guard and Reserve position
21 with the MSARNG; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a 1986 graduate of Brookhaven High School,
23 where he earned a football scholarship to Mississippi College,
24 where he was a member of the 1989 Division II National Champion
25 Football Team, and graduated in 1990 with a bachelor of science in
26 physical education and a minor in criminal justice; and

27 WHEREAS, his military education included Basic Training,
28 Infantry Officers Basic Course, Infantryman Advanced
29 Noncommissioned Officer Course, Bradley Master Gunner Course
30 (Honor Graduate), and the United States Army Sergeants Major
31 Academy; and

32 WHEREAS, CSM Summers' distinguished career was marked by his
33 numerous awards and decorations, which are a testament to his
34 exceptional service, and amongst his accolades are two Bronze Star
35 Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation
36 Medals, the Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Master
37 Gunner Badge, and the Order of St. Maurice, along with numerous
38 other federal and state awards which reflect his dedication and
39 commitment to his duty, inspiring pride and honor in all who knew
40 him; and

41 WHEREAS, CSM Summers served in numerous assignments,
42 including the 20th Special Forces Group and 1-155 Infantry



43 Battalion, as both Company Executive Officer and Company
44 Commander; and

45 WHEREAS, in September 2001, he was deployed to Bosnia SFOR X
46 rotation as Company Commander of Company B, 1-155 Infantry
47 Battalion, and upon his return, accepted an AGR Training NCO
48 position at Company A, 1-155 Infantry Battalion; and

49 WHEREAS, he has also served as Company Master Gunner, Unit
50 Readiness NCO, Platoon Sergeant (Operation Iraqi Freedom),
51 Battalion Master Gunner, Battalion Master Gunner (Operation Iraqi
52 Freedom), First Sergeant D/1-155 IN (Operation Iraqi Freedom), JFH
53 State Master Gunner, 66th Troop Command Operations Sergeants
54 Major, 1-155th CAB Command Sergeants Major, 155th Operations
55 Sergeants Major; and

56 WHEREAS, to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy of
57 love and devotion, he leaves his loving wife of 21 years, Amy,
58 their son Jorden, and two daughters, Josephine and Annabelle, of
59 Brookhaven, Mississippi; and

60 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to honor the sacrifice of
61 Mississippi serviceman, such as CSM Summers whose commitment to
62 his family and his service to our country and the great State of
63 Mississippi is a testament to his character, which made him a true
64 American hero and a proud Mississippian:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
66 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
67 honor the life and service of Command Sergeant Major Plez William



68 Summers III, and memorialize the dedication of the East Gate
69 entrance to Camp Shelby in his honor as the "CSM Plez William
70 Summers III East Gate".

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
72 furnished to the family of CSM Summers, the leadership of Camp
73 Shelby and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

