

By: Representative Hall

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86

1 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CHIEF WARRANT
2 OFFICER 4 DEREK JOSHUA ABBOTT AND CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 BRYAN
3 ANDREW ZEMEK AND MEMORIALIZING THE DEDICATION OF TWO NEW HELIPADS
4 ON CAMP SHELBY'S PARADE FIELD IN THEIR HONOR.

5 WHEREAS, it is with great distinction that two new helipads
6 on Camp Shelby's Parade Field will memorialize the lives of two
7 brave soldiers, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Derek Joshua Abbott and
8 Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bryan Andrew Zemek, who serviced this
9 country and this great state with great pride; and

10 WHEREAS, the Alpha Helipad is dedicated in memory of Chief
11 Warrant Officer 4 Derek J. Abbott and the Zulu Helipad is
12 dedicated in memory of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bryan A. Zemek; and

13 WHEREAS, the one year anniversary of their passing was
14 February 23, 2025, and to honor their sacrifice, the Mississippi
15 Guard will host a ceremony in their honor later this year; and

16 WHEREAS, the lives of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Derek J. Abbott
17 and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bryan A. Zemek were tragically lost on
18 February 23, 2024, when Apache Helicopter, Tail Number 52630, went
19 down near Booneville, Mississippi; and



20 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Derek J. Abbott was a
21 42-year-old Maintenance Test Pilot assigned to Delta Company of
22 the 2nd Battalion, 151st Security and Support Aeromedical
23 Evacuation unit in Tupelo, Mississippi; and

24 WHEREAS, an experienced Master Army Aviator and combat
25 veteran, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Derek J. Abbott served his
26 country for 21 years with dedication and valor, held 3,092
27 military flight hours and was an expert in Army operations,
28 aviation maintenance, and aeronautics; and

29 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband and father grounded in
30 strong Christian faith; and

31 WHEREAS, as a civilian, he served as a pilot in emergency
32 medical services, and was also an entrepreneur and private
33 aircraft owner who was passionate about general aviation and
34 aeronautics; and

35 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bryan A. Zemek, was also an
36 amazing serviceman and member of the Mississippi National
37 Guardsman; and

38 WHEREAS, this 36-year-old Standardization Instructor Pilot
39 was assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation
40 Regiment in Tupelo, Mississippi; and

41 WHEREAS, a technically adept Master Army Aviator who served
42 his country with distinction for nearly two decades, Chief Warrant
43 Officer 4 Bryan A. Zemek was a combat veteran with over 3,264
44 military flight hours and whose extensive expertise included



45 aircraft gunnery, weapon systems, combat arms, operations, and
46 tactics; and

47 WHEREAS, he was known as a career aviator, a valiant warrior,
48 and an avid outdoorsman who embraced adventure and personal
49 challenge; and

50 WHEREAS, above all other things, Chief Warrant Officer 4
51 Bryan A. Zemek enjoyed being a father and husband who embodied the
52 values of faith, family, and patriotism; and

53 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to honor the sacrifice of
54 Mississippi servicemen, whose commitment to their families to our
55 country and the great State of Mississippi are a testament to
56 their character:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
58 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
59 honor the life and service of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Derek Joshua
60 Abbott and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bryan Andrew Zemek and
61 memorialize the dedication of two new helipads, the Alpha Helipad
62 and the Zulu Helipad, on Camp Shelby's Parade Field in their
63 honor.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
65 furnished to the family of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Derek Joshua
66 Abbott and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bryan Andrew Zemek, the
67 leadership of Camp Shelby and to the members of the Capitol Press
68 Corps.

