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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 106

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MAJOR GENERAL JOHN TRENT KELLY FOR  
2 HIS DISTINGUISHED MILITARY SERVICE AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS  
3 RETIREMENT AFTER FOUR DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF  
4 MISSISSIPPI AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

5 WHEREAS, Major General John Trent Kelly, a dedicated and  
6 decorated leader in the Mississippi Army National Guard, will  
7 retire in May 2025 after 40 years of exemplary service to the  
8 State of Mississippi and the United States of America; and

9 WHEREAS, Major General Kelly began his military career in  
10 1985 at the age of 19 when he enlisted in the Mississippi Army  
11 National Guard, later joining the Reserve Officer Training Corps  
12 (ROTC) at the University of Mississippi, where he was commissioned  
13 as an officer on May 14, 1988; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Major General  
15 Kelly has served in numerous leadership positions, including  
16 command at the company, battalion, and brigade levels, culminating  
17 as the Assistant Adjutant General for the Mississippi Army  
18 National Guard at the Joint Force Headquarters; and



19 WHEREAS, his dedication to service included multiple  
20 deployments, including: Operation Desert Storm in 1990 as an  
21 Engineer Second Lieutenant; Operation Iraqi Freedom III in 2005 as  
22 a Major with the 155th Brigade Combat Team; and a second  
23 deployment to Iraq in 2009 as the Battalion Commander of Task  
24 Force Knight of the 155th Brigade Combat Team; and

25 WHEREAS, Major General Kelly has received numerous awards and  
26 commendations for his military service, including: two Bronze  
27 Stars; the Legion of Merit; the Combat Action Badge; the Bronze,  
28 Silver, and Gold de Fleury Medals; and many other federal, state,  
29 and campaign medals; and

30 WHEREAS, in addition to his military service, Major General  
31 Kelly has pursued extensive education, earning an associate degree  
32 from East Central Community College, a bachelor's degree and Juris  
33 Doctor from the University of Mississippi, and a master's degree  
34 in strategic studies from the United States Army War College; and

35 WHEREAS, Major General Kelly has exemplified the  
36 Citizen-Soldier ideal, balancing military service, family, and a  
37 civilian career in public service, including his tenure as a  
38 prosecutor, district attorney, and currently as a member of the  
39 United States House of Representatives representing Mississippi's  
40 First Congressional District; and

41 WHEREAS, Major General Kelly has been a great personal  
42 leader, friend, and mentor to State Representative Rodney Hall  
43 both in the Mississippi Army National Guard and as a



44 representative for Desoto County, having led and guided him  
45 faithfully in service to our great state and nation; and

46 WHEREAS, as he prepares to retire from military service,  
47 Major General Kelly leaves a lasting legacy of leadership,  
48 dedication, and commitment to both the State of Mississippi and  
49 the United States, inspiring countless individuals through his  
50 exemplary service and sacrifice:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
52 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
53 commend and congratulate Major General John Trent Kelly upon the  
54 occasion of his retirement, extend our deepest gratitude for his  
55 decades of distinguished service to our state and nation, and wish  
56 him continued success in all his future endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
58 furnished to Major General John Trent Kelly, the Mississippi Army  
59 National Guard, the United States House of Representatives, and to  
60 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

