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 Smith (35th), Smith (59th), Stevens, Straughter, Stringer, Taylor,  
 Thomas, Ward, West, Whittington, Woods, Zuber

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF ROBERT SILBER  
 2 MCGOWAN AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
 3 UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Colonel Robert Silber McGowan, Director of Grace  
 5 House, departed this life on February 4, 2001, causing a great  
 6 loss to his family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, Colonel McGowan was the first director of Grace  
 8 House, a home for living, for people who have the HIV disease; and

9 WHEREAS, as the only full-time employee of this ministry,  
 10 Colonel McGowan was responsible for the safety and well-being of  
 11 the residents, fundraising, fiscal accountability and maintenance  
 12 of house and grounds; and

13 WHEREAS, Colonel McGowan was a spokesman for Grace House and  
 14 provided the community with general awareness of the HIV disease,  
 15 serving on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year;  
 16 and

17 WHEREAS, during his military career, Colonel McGowan served  
 18 his country in the Army as an enlisted man, a cadet at West Point  
 19 and an officer for more than 31 years; and

20 WHEREAS, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Colonel  
 21 McGowan earned his master's degree from Columbia University in New  
 22 York City and was an assistant professor on the faculty of his  
 23 alma mater for four years; and

24 WHEREAS, Colonel McGowan's military service included combat  
 25 duty in Korea, service on the White House staff and three

26 volunteer tours of duty in Vietnam, spanning ten years from  
27 1963-1972, where he was wounded in action three times; and

28 WHEREAS, Colonel McGowan commanded the Third Squadron, Fourth  
29 U.S. Cavalry of the 25th Infantry Division during some of the  
30 heaviest fighting of the war; and

31 WHEREAS, after other commands and retiring from active  
32 service, Colonel McGowan served on the International Staff at NATO  
33 Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium; and

34 WHEREAS, Colonel McGowan was a graduate of the National War  
35 College, the Army War College, the State Department Senior Seminar  
36 in Foreign Policy and the Army Command and General Staff College;  
37 and

38 WHEREAS, his military awards included the Army Distinguished  
39 Service Cross, four Silver Star Medals, two Distinguished Flying  
40 Crosses, three Purple Hearts, eight Bronze Star Medals (five for  
41 valor), thirty-six Air Medals, three Legions of Merit, the Combat  
42 Infantryman's Badge, the Presidential Service Badge and other  
43 decorations; and

44 WHEREAS, Robert Silber McGowan is survived by his wife,  
45 children, grandchildren, a brother and sister, and a host of other  
46 relatives and friends:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
48 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
49 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life of Robert Silber  
50 McGowan and express our deepest sympathy to his family upon his  
51 passing.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
53 furnished to the family of Colonel Robert S. McGowan and to the  
54 members of the Capitol Press Corps.