

By: Senator(s) Carmichael,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MERIDIAN AND
2 CLARKDALE NATIVE GEORGE NEAL UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS AWARD OF THE
3 COAST GUARD ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL.

4 WHEREAS, Petty Officer George R. Neal, formerly of Meridian
5 (Clarkdale Community), Mississippi, and the son of Willie and
6 Jewel Neal, has been awarded the Coast Guard Achievement Medal;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Neal was cited for superior performance of duty
9 while assigned as Navigation Division Leading Petty Officer in
10 USCGC Decisive (WMEC 629) from December 1999 to May 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, displaying outstanding leadership and initiative,
12 Neal flawlessly assumed the role of Division Leading Petty Officer
13 upon reporting and, in the absence of the Navigation Division
14 Chief, immediately assumed leadership of the Navigation Division;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, with excellent professionalism and providing
17 hundreds of hours of mentoring and training, Neal qualified three
18 new rated Quartermasters and certified eight underway
19 Quartermasters of the Watch, directly contributing to the ship's
20 operational readiness; and

21 WHEREAS; with superior attention to detail and relentless
22 work ethic, Petty Officer Neal prepared the Navigation Division
23 for two Tailored Annual Cutter Training deployments, completing
24 the Command Assessment of Readiness and Training evaluation with
25 only two discrepancies in 2001 as compared to 51 discrepancies the
26 previous year, the Coast Guard citation said; and



27 WHEREAS, Neal led the Navigation Team during TACT to
28 successful completion of all navigation drills, leading the ship
29 to earn the Battle "E" Award for Navigation and Seamanship at TACT
30 2000-2001 and to earn the Operational Readiness "O" Award in 2001;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, the citation said Neal demonstrated expert fiscal
33 responsibility and accounting as Operations Department Supply
34 Officer. He initiated more than 300 necessary procurements
35 throughout his tour resulting in significant aesthetic
36 improvements, adequate navigational and administrative supplies
37 and properly stocked charts; and

38 WHEREAS, Neal also completed a 14-day course of instruction
39 on maritime search planning at the National Search and Rescue
40 School and the Maritime Search Planning Course in September; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the
42 military accomplishments of this Mississippian who has brought
43 honor to his family, his community, his country and to the State
44 of Mississippi:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
46 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Meridian
47 and Clarkdale native, Petty Officer George R. Neal, upon the
48 occasion of his award of the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and
49 extend to him the best wishes of the Senate for his future
50 accomplishments in his career.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
52 Petty Officer Neal and his family and be made available to the
53 Capitol Press Corps.

