

By: Representatives Gunn, Stringer, Warren

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING LIEUTENANT PHILIP HEMPHILL FOR HIS
2 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL AND FOR HIS
3 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A NATIONAL POLICE SHOOTING CHAMPION.

4 WHEREAS, a twenty-four-year veteran of the Mississippi
5 Highway Patrol (MHP), Lieutenant Philip Hemphill has rendered
6 honorable and commendable services to the State of Mississippi;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, since 1985, Lieutenant Hemphill has been a member of
9 MHP Pistol Team, and from that time until the present he has
10 brought great pride and honor to the state; and

11 WHEREAS, as a member of the MHP Pistol Team, Lieutenant
12 Hemphill won his first title as National Police Shooting Champion
13 in 1988, and subsequently added five more championship titles to
14 his growing list of awards in 1990, 1993, 1995, 1996 and 2003; and

15 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Hemphill shot his first perfect score of
16 1500 in 1995 and again in 2001, to become one of only two persons
17 to have earned a perfect score, the other officer being Sergeant
18 James Collins from Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, at this year's national competitions, Lieutenant
20 Hemphill won the Semi-Auto Distinguished Match by setting a new
21 record, in addition to placing third over-all out of a field of
22 approximately 200 shooters from all over the world, including
23 Japan, Australia, Italy, Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland and
24 the Czech Republic; and

25 WHEREAS, as a member of the MHP Pistol Team, which has a long
26 and rich history of winning as well, including the four-man team
27 champions for 1977, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1995 and

28 1996, Lieutenant Hemphill has been afforded the opportunity to
29 travel to Germany as a shooting instructor and competitor; and

30 WHEREAS, from his competitions abroad, Lieutenant Hemphill
31 has won the Bavarian World Indoor Championship in 1996 and placed
32 second in 1997; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
34 recognize such outstanding Mississippians as Lieutenant Hemphill,
35 whose distinguished service and many accomplishments have brought
36 great honor, pride and integrity to the State of Mississippi and
37 these United States of America:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
39 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
40 commend and congratulate Lieutenant Philip Hemphill for his
41 outstanding service to the Mississippi Highway Patrol and for his
42 accomplishments as a National Police Shooting Champion and extend
43 our heartiest wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
45 furnished to Lieutenant Philip Hemphill, the Commissioner of the
46 Mississippi Highway Patrol and to the members of the Capitol Press
47 Corps.