

By: Senator(s) Posey, White, Carmichael,  
Dawkins, Frazier, Gollott, Jackson (15th),  
Jackson (11th), King

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JAMES MICHAEL HOLCOMBE UPON HIS  
2 SELECTION AS ONE OF ONLY 5 NATIONAL FINALISTS FOR RESERVE SAILOR  
3 OF THE YEAR 2004.

4 WHEREAS, James Michael Holcombe has been selected as Naval  
5 Reserve Center Meridian Sailor of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman First Class (Fleet Marine Force)  
7 James M. Holcombe, United States Naval Reserve, was also selected  
8 as Sailor of the Year for Readiness Command Southeast, which is  
9 composed of the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida,  
10 South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee; and

11 WHEREAS, he was one of only five national finalists for  
12 Reserve Sailor of the Year for 2004; and

13 WHEREAS, as leading Petty Officer of the 4th Force Service  
14 Support Group, Detachment Nine, he has been awarded the Navy and  
15 Marine Corps Commendation Medal for meritorious service rendered  
16 from January 2003 through December 2003; and

17 WHEREAS, the Department of the Navy citation stated that  
18 Petty Officer Holcombe temporarily filled a gapped critical  
19 Inspector Instructor Corpsman billet at a Marine Corps Reserve  
20 artillery battery in Jackson, Mississippi, that he was mobilized  
21 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and that he was personally  
22 selected as a member of the first Kuwaiti Shock Trauma Platoon;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, John G. Cotton, Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy, Commander,  
25 Naval Reserve Force, further stated in the citation that by his  
26 noteworthy accomplishments, perseverance, and devotion to duty,  
27 Petty Officer First Class Holcombe reflected credit upon himself

28 and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval  
29 Service; and

30 WHEREAS, born in Ellisville, Mississippi, to James T.  
31 Holcombe and Anna Jo Cranford Holcombe, James Michael Holcombe is  
32 a graduate of South Jones High School and Jones Jr. College, and  
33 was graduated in 1974 from the University of Southern Mississippi  
34 with a Bachelor of Science in History; and

35 WHEREAS, he also attended Mississippi State University,  
36 receiving the degree of Master of Public Policy and Administration  
37 in 1987; he also is a Certified Public Manager and a graduate of  
38 the South Central Public Health Leadership Institute at Tulane  
39 University in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

40 WHEREAS, Hospital Corpsman First Class Holcombe, in his  
41 civilian life, has been employed by the Mississippi State  
42 Department of Health since 1975, where he is currently the  
43 Director of the Bureau of Tuberculosis and Refugee Health; and

44 WHEREAS, he was a founding member and the first president of  
45 the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association; and

46 WHEREAS, he now resides in Raymond, Mississippi, with his  
47 wife, Margaret Faye Finnegan Holcombe, originally of Laurel,  
48 Mississippi; and

49 WHEREAS, they have two children, a daughter, Casey Miranda  
50 Holcombe, who is a student at Hinds Community College, and a son,  
51 George Isaac Lowell Holcombe, who is a student at Raymond  
52 Elementary School; and

53 WHEREAS, his service to his country and the people of the  
54 State of Mississippi as a Field Medical Technician bring credit  
55 and honor to the State of Mississippi; and

56 WHEREAS, the Senate also wishes to recognize the sacrifice  
57 made by his wife, Faye, and their children, Casey and Isaac, when  
58 their husband and father was mobilized for active duty and  
59 stationed so far away under such dangerous circumstances:

60           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
61 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize and commend James Michael  
62 Holcombe upon his selection as one of five finalists for the 2004  
63 National Reserve Sailor of the Year, and extend to him our  
64 congratulations and our thanks for his service to this state in  
65 both his civilian and military roles.

66           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be  
67 presented to Hospital Corpsman First Class (Fleet Marine Force)  
68 Holcombe and furnished to the Capitol Press Corps.