

By: Representative Rogers (61st)

To: Military Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1431

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION
2 35-3-28, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI
3 VETERAN AFFAIRS BOARD TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES HONORING AND
4 COMMENDING RESIDENT VETERANS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR
5 SERVICES RENDERED TO THE STATE AND NATION; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section
9 35-3-28, Mississippi Code of 1972:

10 35-3-28. (1) The Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board shall
11 issue a certificate honoring and commending any Mississippi
12 resident who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces for
13 the services rendered to this state and nation upon a showing of
14 proof of service by the veteran to the Mississippi Veterans
15 Affairs Board.

16 (2) The appearance and design of any such certificate shall
17 be determined by the board and shall include the state seal and
18 the insignia or crest of the respective branch of the United
19 States Armed Forces. The commending language shall read as
20 follows:

21 "The State of Mississippi

22 honors and commends the service of

23 [Veteran's Name]

24 This certificate is awarded by a grateful state

25 in recognition of devoted and selfless service

26 to our state and nation in the

27 Armed Forces of the United States."

28 The certificate shall also contain places for the signature of the
29 Governor of the State of Mississippi and the Executive Director of
30 the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board.

31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2006.