

By: Senator(s) Jackson (11th), Blackwell,  
DeBar, Jackson (32nd), Jordan, Simmons (13th)

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 512

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING MILITARY  
2 CAREER OF UNITED STATES AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWIN DEXTER  
3 "DEX" MCCAIN OF BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
4 RETIREMENT AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, Batesville, Mississippi, native Lieutenant Colonel  
6 Edwin Dexter McCain, after serving on active duty for 26 years  
7 with the United States Air Force, retired on November 8, 2019; and

8 WHEREAS, with family, friends and longtime colleagues in  
9 attendance, Lieutenant Colonel McCain enjoyed a retirement  
10 ceremony held in the Hoover Auditorium at Maxwell Air Force Base  
11 Officer Training School in Montgomery, Alabama, where his first  
12 Change of Command Ceremony was held in 2010; and

13 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel "Dex" McCain's military service  
14 spans 30 years, as he also served in the United States Army  
15 Reserve from 1987 to 1990. His awards and decorations include the  
16 Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (with five Oak Leaf  
17 Clusters), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Joint  
18 Meritorious Unit Award, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the  
19 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; and



20 WHEREAS, his service also includes a one-year deployment to  
21 Baghdad, Iraq, in 2012, supporting the Office of Security  
22 Cooperation in their security assistance mission, which was intent  
23 on maintaining progress and rebuilding the Iraqi Air Force; and

24 WHEREAS, another highlight of his achievements include the  
25 completion of a stateside deployment at United States Central  
26 Command, which is headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base in  
27 Tampa, Florida. There, Lieutenant Colonel McCain was the  
28 Afghanistan Desk Officer for the United States Central Command  
29 Security Cooperation Branch; and

30 WHEREAS, a 1987 South Panola High School graduate, McCain  
31 credits the support and positivity he gathered in those formative  
32 years as a student to his success. "The encouragement I got from  
33 my teachers at South Panola during that period challenged us to go  
34 and do some great things in the community and in the world"; and

35 WHEREAS, during his time at South Panola, the community  
36 helped support the band's trip to the Cotton Bowl and to the  
37 Presidential Classroom, a high school program that allows students  
38 to spend a week in Washington, D.C., McCain remembers. Following  
39 graduation from South Panola High School, McCain earned a degree  
40 at Ole Miss. "I always remember that it was a great community  
41 that really did an effort in trying to support students and expose  
42 them to different aspects of life," McCain said; and

43 WHEREAS, Colonel McCain lives near Montgomery, Alabama, with  
44 his wife, Yolanda and their twin daughters, Hannah and Hope; and



45 WHEREAS, Colonel McCain's legacy is a strong and free  
46 America, and for this and for a career of selfless service, a  
47 grateful state thanks him:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
50 we do hereby recognize the outstanding military career of United  
51 States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Edwin Dexter "Dex" McCain of  
52 Batesville, Mississippi, on the occasion of his retirement after  
53 26 years of service, and extend our best wishes to Colonel McCain  
54 and his family on this auspicious occasion.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
56 United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Dex McCain, forwarded  
57 to the Principal of South Panola High School and made available to  
58 the Capitol Press Corps.

