

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.

