

By: Representative McCoy

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
2 SERGEANT JONATHAN WYATT LAMBERT AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO
3 HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, born on September 13, 1974, to Johnny W. and Rebecca
5 D. Lambert, Sergeant Jonathan Wyatt Lambert, of Booneville,
6 Mississippi and the United States Marine Corps, departed this life
7 on June 1, 2003, while serving the United States in furtherance of
8 "Operation Iraqi Freedom," causing great sorrow and loss to his
9 family and friends; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Lambert began his tour of duty with the
11 Marines on May 3, 1995, when he stood as a recruit on the yellow
12 footprints of Parris Island, South Carolina; and

13 WHEREAS, choosing the field of communications, Sergeant
14 Lambert attended Radio Operator School in 29 Palms, where upon
15 completion he traveled to Okinawa, Japan, for his first Marine
16 Corps tour as part of the Third Marine Division, establishing
17 himself as a reliable and dedicated Marine with immense knowledge
18 in his communication specialty; and

19 WHEREAS, Sergeant Lambert continually sought to improve
20 himself, attending the School Incidental Operators Course, the
21 Basic Forward Observer Course, the Net Controllers Course, the
22 Enhanced Positioning Location Reporting System School, the Planner
23 and Network Managers courses, the Corporal Leadership Course, the
24 Sergeant Non-Resident Program, the Field Radio Operations course
25 and the Marine Combat Training course; and

26 WHEREAS, after an impressive tour in Okinawa, Sergeant
27 Lambert was transferred to the Second Marine Division at Camp

28 Lejeune, North Carolina, where his enthusiasm and impeccable
29 knowledge and skill at communications was paramount, as he served
30 as a role model for all the troops he worked with; and

31 WHEREAS, Sergeant Lambert served the Marine Corps honorably
32 and was discharged on January 29, 1999, after which he joined the
33 Mississippi Army National Guard where he gained some invaluable
34 experience and displayed the same dedicated work ethic that he
35 showed in the Marine Corps; and

36 WHEREAS, though his services with the National Guard fared
37 well, Sergeant Lambert's calling and roots were with the Marine
38 Corps, and on November 28, 2000, he reenlisted with the Marine
39 Corps as a Corporal; and

40 WHEREAS, during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Sergeant Lambert was
41 normally hidden from view as he performed his magic with
42 communications, but electronically he was all over the
43 battlefield, his personal efforts and professional contributions
44 to this cause were monumental; and

45 WHEREAS, a man and a Marine deeply admired by his fellow
46 Marines, Sergeant Lambert's leadership traits and strengths were
47 as strong as his technical wizardry, and his personal interest in
48 the well being of his Marines was evident in the care he provided
49 them, as well as his upbeat and positive attitude that permeated
50 throughout the platoon during times when it was most needed; and

51 WHEREAS, highly decorated in service, Sergeant Lambert's
52 awards and commendations consist of two Marine Corps Good Conduct
53 Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps
54 Achievement Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, two National
55 Defense Service Medals, two Meritorious Masts, a Certificate of
56 Commendation, two Letters of Appreciation, the Rifle Expert Badge
57 and the Pistol Expert Badge; and

58 WHEREAS, a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and
59 friend, Sergeant Lambert will be sorely missed by those who
60 experienced the depth of his love, commitment and compassion for

61 life and pursuit of freedom for all, but the legacy of his memory
62 will forever be etched in the hearts and memories of his
63 survivors, including: his wife, Betty Oswald Lambert; daughter,
64 Kinsey Jade Lambert; parents, Johnny and Rebecca Lambert; sister,
65 Misty Eaton; niece, Allie Eaton; and grandparents, Maylene Brown,
66 Marie Lambert and Enis T. Brown; and

67 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
68 and commend excellence in such outstanding Mississippians as
69 evidenced by the life and merits of Sergeant Lambert, whose gift
70 to this state and nation was the ultimate sacrifice of life in
71 order that others may have the opportunity to experience a life of
72 freedom, peace and prosperity that we as citizens of the great
73 State of Mississippi and these United States of America are
74 privileged to share daily:

75 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
76 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
77 commend the life, services and accomplishments of Sergeant
78 Jonathan Wyatt Lambert and express our deepest sympathy to his
79 family and friends upon his passing.

80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
81 furnished to Sergeant Lambert's wife, Betty Lambert, his parents,
82 Johnny and Rebecca Lambert, and to the members of the Capitol
83 Press Corps.