

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MASTER SERGEANT SEAN MICHAEL COOLEY AND
3 EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS
4 PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Sean Michael Cooley, of Ocean
6 Springs, Mississippi, departed this earthly life on February 3,
7 2005, while serving the United States in furtherance of "Operation
8 Iraqi Freedom," causing great sorrow and loss to his family and
9 friends; and

10 WHEREAS, a registered nurse at the Singing River Hospital,
11 Master Sergeant Cooley was a member of the 150th Combat Engineer
12 Battalion from Lucedale of the Mississippi Army National Guard,
13 attached to 155th Brigade Combat Team that includes 3,500 soldiers
14 from Mississippi, Vermont and Arkansas; and

15 WHEREAS, known for his valued work ethic, Master Sergeant
16 Cooley went above and beyond the call of duty, enlisting in the
17 National Guard after serving as a Navy Seabee; and

18 WHEREAS, his zeal for his medical job was well documented on
19 a performance board at Singing River, and his concern for the
20 plight of Iraqi children was similar to the local kids he helped
21 and treated in the emergency room; and

22 WHEREAS, a fun-loving, free-spirited and independent-minded
23 individual, Master Sergeant Cooley will be remembered most for his
24 positive and upbeat attitude shared in quiet conversation and
25 tender time spent with family and friends; and

26 WHEREAS, having lost his life in battle, Master Sergeant
27 Cooley became the twenty-first soldier with Mississippi ties, the

28 fifth Mississippi Guardsman to be lost in the combat against
29 terror; and

30 WHEREAS, a loving husband, son, brother and friend, Master
31 Sergeant Cooley will be sorely missed by those who experienced the
32 depth of his love, commitment and compassion for life and pursuit
33 of freedom for all, but the legacy of his memory will forever be
34 etched in the hearts and memories of his survivors, including:
35 his wife, Laura Cooley; parents, Jeff and Kathryn Cooley; brother,
36 Patrick Cooley; grandparents, Amaziah and Inez Cooley and Frank
37 Pazos, Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

38 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
39 and commend excellence in such outstanding Mississippians as
40 evidenced by the life and merits of Master Sergeant Cooley, whose
41 gift to this state and nation was the ultimate sacrifice of life
42 in order that others may have the opportunity to experience a life
43 of freedom, peace and prosperity that we as citizens of the Great
44 State of Mississippi and these United States of America are
45 privileged to share daily:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
48 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life, services and
49 accomplishments of Master Sergeant Sean Michael Cooley and express
50 our deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
52 furnished to the family of Master Sergeant Cooley and to the
53 members of the Capitol Press Corps