

By: Senator(s) Jackson (15th)

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 560

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF FRENCH CAMP  
2 POLICE CHIEF ANTHONY LUCAS.

3 WHEREAS, Choctaw County and the State of Mississippi are in  
4 shock after a police pursuit ended in the murder of French Camp  
5 Police Chief Anthony D. Lucas on Friday, February 4, 2005. As  
6 shock turned to grief, the Ackerman Community paid respects to a  
7 beloved officer and friend; and

8 WHEREAS, officers gathered to grieve for a man whom by his  
9 death at age 32 had worked for the Ackerman Police Department, the  
10 French Camp Police, the Choctaw County Sheriff's Department and  
11 the Department of Corrections; and

12 WHEREAS, Lucas was killed when a police chase ended with  
13 gunfire at a home in Weir, Mississippi. Law officers say Lucas'  
14 death hits close to home. It's something that is taken for  
15 granted. But law enforcement is a dangerous profession; and

16 WHEREAS, friends say from the time he was a boy, Anthony  
17 Lucas dreamed of working in law enforcement. This was what he  
18 enjoyed, this is what he loved; it was his lifelong dream; and

19 WHEREAS, Lucas is survived by his wife, Penny, and  
20 five-year-old son, Kyle; parents, Brenda and Wendell Lucas  
21 (Wendell is a Mississippi Conservation Officer); and sister, Aimee  
22 Oakes. Officers in Choctaw County say young Kyle Lucas will  
23 always have a proud father smiling down on him; and

24 WHEREAS, Anthony Lucas worked full time as a Parole and  
25 Probation Officer for the Mississippi Department of Corrections  
26 and had been with the state agency for seven years, and he was an  
27 outstanding Corrections Field Officer. Prior to this duty he

28 served as Choctaw County Deputy Sheriff and worked as a Lab  
29 Technician and a Wildlife Manager; and

30 WHEREAS, Chief Lucas was a graduate of Ackerman High School  
31 and Mississippi State University; the family attended Blythe Creek  
32 Baptist Church; and

33 WHEREAS, Anthony was loved in his community, as shown by the  
34 outpouring of sympathy, and we join his family and neighbors in  
35 mourning for this dedicated Mississippi public servant who loved  
36 helping people:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
38 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
39 we do hereby commend the life of French Camp Police Chief Anthony  
40 D. Lucas, who was killed in the line of duty on February 4, 2005,  
41 and express to his surviving family the sympathy of the  
42 Legislature on his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
44 the family of Anthony Lucas and be made available to the Capitol  
45 Press Corps.