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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 575

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT TIMOTHY R. OSBEY OF MAGNOLIA,
3 MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS A COMBAT CASUALTY IN IRAQ ON FEBRUARY 16,
4 2005, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Timothy R. Osbey, of the Sherman Community
6 near Magnolia, Mississippi, was killed on Wednesday, February 16,
7 2005, in a vehicle accident while on combat duty in Iraq; and

8 WHEREAS, carried by a military honor guard, he came home to
9 his community and family with funeral services on Saturday,
10 February 26, 2005, at Cook's Cemetery, less than a mile from
11 Sherman M.B. Church where Timothy sang in the choir; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Osbey was assigned to Headquarters Company,
13 1st Battalion, out of McComb, Mississippi, which is attached to
14 the 155th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which includes 3,500
15 soldiers from Mississippi and others from Vermont and Arkansas.
16 He was one of two Mississippi Army National Guard soldiers to die
17 in the same accident; Timothy, along with Specialist Joseph Andrew
18 Rahaim of Meridian, Mississippi, were the third and fourth members
19 of the unit to die in Iraq; and

20 WHEREAS, Timothy is the 24th soldier or sailor with
21 Mississippi ties to die in the war in Iraq; and

22 WHEREAS, during his funeral, Specialist Osbey was awarded the
23 Bronze Star and the Mississippi Medal of Valor posthumously by
24 Major General Harold Cross, Adjutant of Mississippi; and

25 WHEREAS, Sergeant Osbey is the eighth Mississippi National
26 Guard soldier to give his life in Iraq; and

27 WHEREAS, Timothy had married Marie Dickenson Osbey shortly
28 before leaving for Iraq. He was the father of a 9-year-old
29 daughter, Saderia; and

30 WHEREAS, Sergeant Osbey was born September 25, 1975, in Baton
31 Rouge, Louisiana. He was the son of Sherry Osbey and Eugene Crier
32 of Osyka, Mississippi. He was a member of Sherman M.B. Church and
33 its male chorus; and

34 WHEREAS, he is survived by his parents; his wife, Marie
35 Dickerson Osbey of Osyka, Mississippi; a daughter, Saderia Osbey
36 of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; a sister, K. Michelle Osbey of Osyka,
37 Mississippi; a brother, Tonio Osbey of Osyka, Mississippi; his
38 mother-in-law, Hilda Dickerson of Osyka, Mississippi; four nieces,
39 three nephews and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and special
40 friends; and

41 WHEREAS, his family has received an outpouring of grief and
42 support from across the state, demonstrating the community's
43 acknowledgment of the sacrifice made by the Mississippi National
44 Guard; and

45 WHEREAS, to a country, a fallen soldier means a national
46 loss; to a community, a fallen soldier means a true hero; to a
47 parent, a fallen soldier means a son who won't be coming home.
48 Mississippians understand the costs of conflict because we have
49 paid them in the past, and it is with great pride and humility
50 that we recognize the heroic action of this great American and
51 Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization as we know it
52 today:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
54 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
55 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of
56 Sergeant Timothy R. Osbey of the Sherman Community near Magnolia,
57 Mississippi, who was killed in action in Iraq on Wednesday,
58 February 16, 2005, and extend the thoughts and prayers of the
59 Legislature to his family and our sorrow on his passing.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
61 the surviving family of Sergeant Osbey and be made available to
62 members of the Capitol Press Corps.