

By: Senator(s) Carmichael

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 584

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND  
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF SPECIALIST ROBERT SHANE PUGH OF MERIDIAN,  
3 MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS A COMBAT CASUALTY IN IRAQ ON MARCH 1, 2005,  
4 AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Robert Shane Pugh, 25, of Meridian,  
6 Mississippi, was killed on Tuesday, March 1, 2005, when an  
7 explosive device detonated near his vehicle while on combat duty  
8 near Iskandariyah, Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, carried by a military honor guard, he came home to  
10 his community and family, and was buried with full military honors  
11 on Thursday, March 10, 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, Specialist Pugh was a Medic deployed with the  
13 Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion out of McComb, Mississippi,  
14 which is attached to the 155th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, that  
15 includes 3,500 soldiers from Mississippi and others from Vermont  
16 and Arkansas. Shane was the fifth member of the unit to die in  
17 Iraq; and

18 WHEREAS, Shane is the 25th soldier or sailor with Mississippi  
19 ties to die in the war in Afganistan and Iraq, and the ninth  
20 Mississippi National Guard soldier to give his life in Iraq; and

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

24 WHEREAS, Pugh was in line to be promoted to Sergeant and will  
25 be promoted posthumously; and

26 WHEREAS, Shane spent more than five years working as a  
27 Phlebotomist at United Blood Services in Meridian, where he was

28 highly respected by the blood drive sponsors. His family and  
29 friends remember him as a witty, charming young man; and

30 WHEREAS, his family received an outpouring of grief and  
31 support from across the state, demonstrating the community's  
32 acknowledgment of the sacrifice made by the Mississippi National  
33 Guard; and

34 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of less than one year,  
35 Amanda Warbington Pugh, Causeyville, Mississippi; his mother,  
36 Wilma Allen and her husband, Gary, Stonewall, Mississippi; father,  
37 Glen Pugh, Meehan Community; sister, Jennifer Hill and her  
38 husband, Rick and their children, Destiny and Rick Hill,  
39 Sandersville, Mississippi; half-sisters, Tiffany Allen and April  
40 Allen; half-brothers, Dale Allen and Scotty Pugh; grandparents,  
41 Lucille Phillips, Ann and Sims Holifield; step-grandmother, Daisy  
42 Allen; sister-in-law, Bridget Davidson and her husband, Brian and  
43 their son, Austin; brother-in-law, Ron Warbington; mother-in-law,  
44 Judy Bearden; 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 Specialist Robert Shane Pugh of Meridian, Mississippi, who was  
57 killed in action in Iraq on Tuesday, March 1, 2005, and extend the  
58 thoughts and prayers of the Legislature to his family and our  
59 sorrow on his passing.

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