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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 503

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF LANCE CORPORAL STEPHEN BALDWIN, 19, OF
3 EGGVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS A COMBAT CASUALTY IN IRAQ ON
4 SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2005, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE
5 LEGISLATURE.

6 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Stephen Baldwin, 19, of Eggville,
7 Mississippi, was killed on Sunday, May 8, 2005, while conducting
8 combat operations against enemy forces in Nassar Wa Salaam, Iraq;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, carried by a military honor guard, he came home to
11 his native community and family, and was buried with full military
12 honors on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at Eggville Cemetery, with
13 Commander Robert Beede officiating; and

14 WHEREAS, Corporal Baldwin was assigned to the 3rd Battalion,
15 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary
16 Force, based in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was proud to
17 serve his country as a United States Marine; and

18 WHEREAS, he was born May 7, 1986. He was a 2004 graduate of
19 Mooreville High School, where he was active in the choral
20 department since eighth grade. He had received his Eagle Scout
21 Award from the Boy Scouts of America in January 2005. He was a
22 member of the Eggville Free Will Baptist Church. He enjoyed
23 playing tennis and golf, going camping, and spending time with his
24 dog, Chance; and

25 WHEREAS, "He wanted to see the world," said his mother,
26 Stephanie Baldwin, a veteran teacher at the high school. "He
27 wanted adventure"; and

28 WHEREAS, Corporal Baldwyn was stationed at Camp Geiger, North
29 Carolina, and was sent to Germany in January. At the end of
30 February, he was sent to Iraq; and

31 WHEREAS, since military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq
32 began, 28 soldiers with ties to Mississippi have died; and

33 WHEREAS, Mooreville High School recognized Baldwyn at the
34 playoff baseball game against Booneville High School; and

35 WHEREAS, survivors include his parents, Danny and Stephanie
36 Baldwyn of Eggville, Mississippi; sister, Angela Kaye Keith
37 (George), Shannon, Mississippi; brother, Allen Andrew Baldwyn
38 (Stephanie), Eggville, Mississippi; grandparents, Lorean Baldwyn
39 and Dottie Hale, both of Eggville, Mississippi; and two special
40 friends, Travis Brewer and Chance Reese; and

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

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
51 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of
52 Lance Corporal Stephen Baldwyn of Eggville, Mississippi, who was
53 killed in action in Iraq on Sunday, May 8, 2005, and extend the
54 thoughts and prayers of the Legislature to his family and our
55 sorrow on his passing.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 the surviving family of Corporal Baldwyn and be made available to
58 members of the Capitol Press Corps.