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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 520

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BRYAN BARRON OF
3 GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS A COMBAT CASUALTY IN IRAQ ON
4 MONDAY, MAY 23, 2005, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE
5 LEGISLATURE.

6 WHEREAS, Private First Class Bryan Barron, 26, of Gulfport,
7 Mississippi was killed on Monday, May 23, 2005, when a bomb
8 exploded near his Humvee in Haswa, 30 miles south of Baghdad,
9 Iraq, one of four Mississippi members of the 155th Brigade Combat
10 Team; and

11 WHEREAS, carried by a military honor guard, he came home to
12 his community and family, and was buried Wednesday, June 1, 2005,
13 at Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi, Mississippi, with full
14 military honors. A memorial service was also held on Thursday,
15 June 2, 2005, at the New Covenant United Methodist Church on Terry
16 Road in Byram, Mississippi; and

17 WHEREAS, the 155th Infantry Brigade Combat Team includes
18 3,500 soldiers from Mississippi and others from Vermont and
19 Arkansas. The 155th, which is attached to the II Marine
20 Expeditionary Force, operates in the Karbala, Najaf and Babil
21 provinces of Iraq. The soldiers trained at Camp Shelby before
22 being deployed to Iraq in January 2004. The deaths of these four
23 brave guardsmen brings the total in the 155th Brigade to at least
24 10 in 2005. Since military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq
25 began, 32 soldiers with ties to Mississippi have died. The
26 Mississippi National Guard has sustained the fourth-highest number
27 of casualties of any state; and

28 WHEREAS, Private Barron was the father of two young children
29 who would have celebrated his 27th birthday on June 9, 2005. He
30 joined the Army National Guard in December 2003. His wife,
31 Amanda, described her husband as a compassionate, outgoing person
32 who didn't know a stranger, and who loved his children, 8-year-old
33 Hayley West and 11-month-old Jaden. He was expected home in three
34 weeks for the baby's first birthday; and

35 WHEREAS, during his funeral, Private Barron was awarded the
36 Bronze Star, the Mississippi Medal of Valor and the Purple Heart
37 posthumously by Major General Harold Cross, Adjutant General of
38 Mississippi; and

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

43 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Amanda Campbell Barron;
44 two daughters, Jaden Barron of Byram, Mississippi, and Hayley West
45 of Vancleave, Mississippi; mother, Cindy Barron of Yakima,
46 Washington; three brothers, Terry L. Barron of Pineville,
47 Louisiana, Terry Barron of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Cory Barron
48 of Yakima, Washington; six sisters, Cindy Whittington and Cathy
49 Barron both of Pineville, Louisiana, Bonita Rachal of Baton Rouge,
50 Louisiana, Jodi Daniels, Susie Nolan and Sandy Barron all of
51 Gulfport, Mississippi; grandparents, Bessie Robinson of
52 Natchitoches, Louisiana, and Mabelyn and Cosimo Liberto of
53 Gulfport, Mississippi; and numerous other relatives and close
54 friends; and

55 WHEREAS, to a country, a fallen soldier means a national
56 loss; to a community, a fallen soldier means a true hero; to a
57 parent, a fallen soldier means a son who won't be coming home.
58 Mississippians understand the costs of conflict, because we have
59 paid them in the past, and it is with great pride and humility
60 that we recognize the heroic action of this great American and

61 Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization as we know it
62 today:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
64 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
65 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of
66 Private First Class Bryan Barron of Gulfport, Mississippi, who was
67 killed in action on Monday, May 23, 2005, and extend the thoughts
68 and prayers of the Legislature to his family and our sorrow on his
69 passing.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
71 the surviving family of Private Barron and be made available to
72 members of the Capitol Press Corps.