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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 501

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND  
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF SPECIALIST TERRANCE D. LEE, SR., OF MOSS  
3 POINT, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS A COMBAT CASUALTY IN IRAQ ON SATURDAY,  
4 JUNE 11, 2005, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Terrance D. Lee, Sr., 25, of Moss Point,  
6 Mississippi, was one of two Mississippi soldiers killed on  
7 Saturday, June 11, 2005, when a roadside bomb exploded near their  
8 vehicle near Owasat Village outside of Amiriyah, 25 miles south of  
9 Baghdad, Iraq; and

10 WHEREAS, carried by a military honor guard he came home to  
11 his community and family, and was buried Friday, June 24, 2005, at  
12 Machphelah Cemetery, Moss Point, Mississippi, with full military  
13 honors; and

14 WHEREAS, Specialist Lee served with the Mississippi National  
15 Guard's 155 Brigade Combat Team, assigned to Company B, 150th  
16 Combat Engineer Battalion in Lucedale, Mississippi. Lee deployed  
17 to Iraq January 14 with the brigade. Lee, a National Guard supply  
18 specialist, was a 1999 graduate of Moss Point High and joined the  
19 Guard in 2002. Lee's wife, Stephanie, is expecting their third  
20 child in September. The couple met at Northrop Grumman Ship  
21 Systems, where they were employed. Stephanie Lee said the last  
22 time she saw her husband was the day he left Mississippi for Iraq;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the 155th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, known as  
25 "Dixie Thunder," includes 3,500 soldiers from Mississippi and  
26 others from Vermont and Arkansas. The 155th, which is attached to  
27 the II Marine Expeditionary Force, operates in the Karbala, Najaf  
28 and Babil provinces of Iraq. The soldiers trained at Camp Shelby

29 before being deployed to Iraq in January 2004. The deaths of  
30 these two brave guardsman brings the total in the 155th Brigade to  
31 at least 12 in 2005. Since military operations in Afghanistan and  
32 Iraq began, 35 people with Mississippi ties have died. The  
33 Mississippi National Guard has sustained the fourth highest number  
34 of casualties of any state; and

35 WHEREAS, Specialist Terrance Lee's young sons got a solemn  
36 reminder that Father's Day will never again be the same. A  
37 Father's Day card that Terrance, Jr., 5, and Ra'Mone, 3, mailed to  
38 the Mississippi Army National Guard soldier before his death was  
39 returned from Iraq on Friday, June 17; and

40 WHEREAS, during his funeral, Specialist Lee was awarded the  
41 Bronze Star, given for meritorious service, the Mississippi Medal  
42 of Valor, and the Purple Heart, given for wounds received in  
43 hostile action, posthumously by Major General Harold Cross,  
44 Adjutant General of Mississippi. Specialist Lee's duty  
45 performance and selfless service were in keeping with the highest  
46 traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon  
47 himself, the Multi-National Corps Iraq and the United States Army.  
48 He gave the ultimate sacrifice; and

49 WHEREAS, his family received an outpouring of grief and  
50 support from across the state, demonstrating the community's  
51 acknowledgment of the sacrifice made by the Mississippi National  
52 Guard; and

53 WHEREAS, Terrance Lee is survived by his loving wife,  
54 Stephanie Carter Lee of Lucedale, Mississippi; two sons, Terrance,  
55 Jr., 5, and Ra'Mone, 3, of Moss Point Mississippi; an unborn  
56 daughter, Marchelle Elyse Lee; a step-daughter, Kamri Carter of  
57 Lucedale; mother, Dinah Lee of Moss Point; father, Dedric Lee of  
58 Gautier; one brother, LaDarrius Lee of Moss Point; one sister,  
59 Demetrice (Christopher) Jones of Pascagoula; devoted and dedicated  
60 paternal grandparents who raised him since he was six months old,  
61 Robert and Aniece Lee of Moss Point; maternal grandparents,

62 Abraham and Leona Triplett of Moss Point; two aunts, Carola  
63 Triplett and Omeco Triplett of Moss Point; three uncles, Ryan  
64 (Kimberly) Triplett, Anthony (Shannon) Triplett of Moss Point and  
65 Douglas (Cynthia) Lee of Ocean Springs; a nephew, Christopher  
66 Jones of Pascagoula; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Stanley and  
67 Frances Sargent of Lucedale; one brother-in-law, Tregnal  
68 (Claudette) Thomas of Moss Point; special friends and cousins,  
69 Elmore Wonsley, Sean Coleman, Jerone Rowe, Chris Walker, Tremayne  
70 Colvin; and a host of many other family and friends; and

71 WHEREAS, to a country, a fallen soldier means a national  
72 loss; to a community, a fallen soldier means a true hero; to a  
73 parent, a fallen soldier means a son who won't be coming home.  
74 Mississippians understand the costs of conflict, because we have  
75 paid them in the past, and it is with great pride and humility  
76 that we recognize the heroic action of this great American and  
77 Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization as we know it  
78 today:

79 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
80 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
81 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of  
82 Specialist Terrance D. Lee, Sr., of Moss Point, Mississippi, who  
83 was killed in action in Iraq on Saturday, June 11, 2005, and  
84 extend the thoughts and prayers of the Legislature to his family  
85 and our sorrow on his passing.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
87 the surviving family of Specialist Lee and be made available to  
88 members of the Capitol Press Corps.