

By: Senator(s) Browning

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 510

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS LANCE CORPORAL
3 MARC LUCAS TUCKER OF PONTOTOC, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS KILLED IN IRAQ
4 ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2005, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE
5 LEGISLATURE.

6 WHEREAS, Marine Lance Corporal Marc Lucas Tucker, 24, of
7 Pontotoc, Mississippi was killed on Wednesday, June 8, 2005, in a
8 nonhostile Humvee accident, when the vehicle in which he was
9 riding overturned while on a night mission in Asr Uranium, Iraq;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Corporal Tucker was assigned to the 9th Engineer
12 Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, III Marine
13 Expeditionary Force, based in Okinawa, Japan; and

14 WHEREAS, carried by a military honor guard, he came home to
15 his community and family, and was buried Wednesday, June 15, 2005,
16 at Oak Forest Cemetery in the Randolph Community with full
17 military honors; and

18 WHEREAS, since operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan, 33
19 soldiers or sailors with Mississippi ties have been killed.
20 Corporal Tucker is the third northeast Mississippi soldier to die
21 in Iraq; and

22 WHEREAS, Marc Tucker was a 1999 graduate of South Pontotoc
23 Attendance Center. His Principal described Marc as a young man
24 who enjoyed life and made friends wherever he went. He was a very
25 patriotic young man who dreamed of being a Marine, and joined that
26 elite branch of service in November 2003. "He died doing
27 absolutely what he loved. He wanted to do his part"; and

28 WHEREAS, during his funeral, Corporal Tucker was awarded the
29 Navy Cross and the Mississippi Medal of Valor by Marine Major John
30 Harding of Boston, Massachusetts; and

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

34 WHEREAS, Marc is survived by his parents, Donna and Kelly
35 Bagwell of Pontotoc; his father, Mark Tucker of Pontotoc; two
36 sisters, Christy Irby (Forrest) of Oxford, and Pam Bolen (Gregg)
37 of Pontotoc; a brother, Terry Bagwell (Jennifer) of Pontotoc; his
38 grandparents, John Austin and Daphna Bland of Randolph, Baxter and
39 Minnie Tucker of Pontotoc, and Arlis and Motee Bagwell of
40 Pontotoc; his great-grandmother, Annie Rea of Randolph; a niece,
41 Madison Bagwell; two nephews, Ben Ibry and Hunter Bagwell; and

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

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
52 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of
53 United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Marc Lucas Tucker of
54 Pontotoc, Mississippi, who was killed in Iraq on Wednesday, June
55 8, 2005, and extend the thoughts and prayers of the Legislature to
56 his family and our sorrow on his passing.

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