

By: Senator(s) Browning, Brown, To: Rules  
Butler, Carmichael, Clarke,  
Davis, Dearing, Flowers, Frazier,  
Harvey, Hewes, Hyde-Smith,  
Jackson (11th), Jordan, King,  
Kirby, Lee (35th), Little,  
Mettetal, Nunnelee, Pickering,  
Posey, Thames, Thomas, Walls,  
White, Wilemon, Williamson

## 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.