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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE  
2 LEGISLATURE THAT ANY PERSON OR GROUP THAT WISHES TO DISPLAY ON  
3 SIGNS, GOODS OR CLOTHING THE NAME OR IMAGE OF ANY MEMBER OF THE  
4 UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO WAS KILLED WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY  
5 SHALL FIRST OBTAIN THE WRITTEN CONSENT FOR THAT DISPLAY FROM THE  
6 FAMILY OF THE DECEASED.

7 WHEREAS, since the war in Iraq began more than three years  
8 ago, it has become more controversial among certain groups of  
9 Americans and citizens of other countries; and

10 WHEREAS, as the death toll in Iraq continues to rise, there  
11 have been increasing numbers of demonstrations and protests  
12 opposing America's presence and role in the war; and

13 WHEREAS, the anti-war protesters in a number of these  
14 demonstrations have used the names or images of American soldiers  
15 who have been killed in action as examples to bolster their  
16 opposition to the war; and

17 WHEREAS, the families of many of the deceased soldiers are  
18 not happy about the names or images of their loved ones being used  
19 to promote a political cause with which the families may not  
20 agree; and

21 WHEREAS, it is most reasonable to expect that persons who  
22 advocate against the Iraq war or other armed conflict should first  
23 obtain the permission of the families of the deceased soldiers  
24 before using their names or images for the anti-war protesters'  
25 political goals, out of respect for the soldiers and their  
26 families:

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
28 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
29 THEREIN, That it is the intent of the Legislature that any person

30 or group that wishes to display on signs, goods or clothing the  
31 name or image of any member of the United States Armed Forces who  
32 was killed while on active duty shall first obtain the written  
33 consent for that display from the surviving spouse of the deceased  
34 or, if there is no surviving spouse, from a parent or other  
35 immediate family member of the deceased of the age of majority.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
37 furnished to members of the Capitol Press Corps.