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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 636

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD STAFF SERGEANT
3 CHRISTOPHER L. ROBINSON OF BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS KILLED IN
4 ACTION IN AFGHANISTAN ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2006, AND EXPRESSING
5 THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

6 WHEREAS, Mississippi National Guard Staff Sergeant
7 Christopher L. Robinson, 36, of Brandon, Mississippi, was killed
8 by small arms fire in action on Saturday, March 25, 2006, while
9 conducting combat patrol near the Sangain District in Afghanistan
10 supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant Robinson was assigned to the Headquarters
12 Detachment, Second Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group in
13 Jackson; and

14 WHEREAS, Sergeant Robinson was the first Mississippi National
15 Guard soldier to die in Afghanistan since the invasion began in
16 2001; and

17 WHEREAS, Sergeant Robinson was on his second deployment to
18 Afghanistan, where he trained Afghan special forces. He was one
19 of about 190 soldiers deployed in 2003. He came back in 2004, and
20 then volunteered for redeployment for the September 2005 mission;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, flags flew at half-staff in his adopted home of
23 Brandon, Mississippi, during the week prior to April 1, 2006, when
24 he was buried with full military honors and was posthumously
25 awarded the Bronze Star, Medal for Valor, Meritorious Service
26 Medal, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge; and

27 WHEREAS, Sergeant Robinson was a true patriot from a military
28 family and his family was the most important thing in his life.

29 He stated to his father, "Don't cry for me if I get killed where
30 I'm going. It would be the most honorable thing I could ever do -
31 to die for my country"; and

32 WHEREAS, at least 41 soldiers with Mississippi ties have died
33 since operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

34 WHEREAS, Sergeant Robinson is survived by his wife, Tamara;
35 daughter, Savannah; son, Patrick of Brandon; parents, George and
36 Mary, of Madison; sister and brother-in-law, Denise and Jay
37 Schimmel of Jackson; mother-in-law, Doris McNair, and Bobby Maddox
38 of Raleigh; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jimmie and Shara
39 McNair of Jackson; grandparents, Ed Prince of Pensacola, Florida,
40 Ola Buntin of Madison, Hazel Jones of Magee, Edna Hollingsworth of
41 Madison, and Thurman and Geneva Parish of West Point; and many
42 close friends; and

43 WHEREAS, Christopher Robinson was a loving father in the
44 springtime of his life, who is counted among America's heroes and
45 was committed to our nation's safety and security. To a country,
46 a fallen soldier means a national loss; to a community, a fallen
47 soldier means a true hero; to a parent, a fallen soldier means a
48 son who won't be coming home; and to a wife and child, a fallen
49 soldier means a husband and father who won't be coming home.

50 Mississippians understand the costs of conflict, because we have
51 paid them in the past, and it is with great pride and humility
52 that we recognize the heroic action of this great American and
53 Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization as we know it
54 today:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
56 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
57 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of
58 Mississippi National Guard Staff Sergeant Christopher L. Robinson
59 of Brandon, Mississippi, who was killed in action in Afghanistan
60 on Saturday, March 25, 2006, and extend the thoughts and prayers
61 of the Legislature to his family and our sorrow on his passing.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
63 the surviving family of Sergeant Robinson and be made available to
64 the Capitol Press Corps.