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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 522

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF
2 ROBERT MICHAEL "ROBBIE" LANGLEY, THE FIRST UNIVERSITY OF
3 MISSISSIPPI POLICE OFFICER WHOSE LIFE WAS TAKEN IN THE LINE OF
4 DUTY, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE ON HIS
5 UNTIMELY PASSING.

6 WHEREAS, Robert Michael Langley, "Robbie" to everyone who
7 knew him, was a University of Mississippi Police Officer, a
8 soldier in the Army National Guard, a father to four young
9 children, a man who had accepted Jesus Christ into his life and a
10 great friend to many. Officer Langley died on Saturday, October
11 21, 2006, during a traffic stop on campus. Officer Langley is the
12 first Ole Miss police officer whose life was taken in the line of
13 duty; and

14 WHEREAS, following funeral services on campus, at which a
15 capacity crowd of 1,000 packed into the Gertrude C. Ford Center to
16 witness a heart-stirring eulogy, Robbie was borne to the gravesite
17 at Forrest Memorial Park at Batesville, Mississippi, by members of
18 the Mississippi National Guard and received Police Honors by the
19 Desoto County Sheriff's Department; and

20 WHEREAS, Robbie was employed with the University of
21 Mississippi Police Department, serving with the K-9 Unit and he
22 was a U.S. Army National Guard Serviceman. He joined Galloway
23 United Methodist Church at the age of 12 years old, where he was
24 very active in church activities. On January 30, 2005, he
25 rededicated his life to the Lord at Sardis Lake Baptist Church in
26 Batesville, Mississippi; and

27 WHEREAS, Robbie graduated from Madison-Ridgeland Academy,
28 Madison, Mississippi, in 1995. While he attended

29 Madison-Ridgeland Academy, he joined the ROTC. As a junior in
30 high school, he joined the Mississippi Army National Guard. He
31 was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Robbie played
32 football and ran track while a student at Madison-Ridgeland
33 Academy. While on the track team, he won the State Championship
34 in both the 100-meter dash and high jump. Robbie, also was an
35 avid soccer and baseball player. After graduation, he attended
36 Valley Forge Military College in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, for
37 one year, and then transferred to Delta State University in
38 Cleveland, Mississippi. At both Valley Forge and Delta State
39 University, he played football as a running back. Later, he
40 received his Mortuary Science degree from Northwest Community
41 College. He was an avid bass fisherman and outdoorsman. Mr.
42 Langley was musically inclined and could play any musical
43 instrument; and

44 WHEREAS, in April of 2002, he began his career in law
45 enforcement with the University of Mississippi Police Department.
46 In February of 2005, he was called to active duty with the 114th
47 Battalion from New Albany, Mississippi. He served his country for
48 14 months in Afghanistan and upon returning back from the Middle
49 East, he rejoined the University of Mississippi Police Department,
50 where he was then promoted to the K-9 Unit. A distinguished honor
51 of Robbie's law enforcement career was being chosen to be the
52 personal bodyguard for Prince Edward while he toured the
53 University's campus; and

54 WHEREAS, his homecoming in April 2006, after serving 14
55 months as a member of the 114th Field Artillery, turned into a
56 spontaneous celebration at Batesville Elementary School. His
57 daughter was in Kindergarten and when he came to see her, he
58 patiently allowed the teachers to assemble all the Kindergarten
59 classes in the hallway to honor him. He let children touch and
60 know a soldier. He gazed at them as only love can gaze, and you
61 knew you were in the presence of a Christian soldier; and

62 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Lisa Bryant Langley of
63 Batesville, Mississippi; two sons, Robert "Robbie" Michael
64 Langley, Jr., of Oxford, Mississippi and Cory Bridges Langley of
65 Batesville, Mississippi; two step-daughters, Maci Cheyenne
66 Kirkland of Batesville, Mississippi, and Anne Claire Bufkin of
67 Oxford, Mississippi; one sister, Racheal Langley of Kosciusko,
68 Mississippi; one step-sister, Renee Howell of Carthage,
69 Mississippi; one step-brother, Chris Watkins of Pearl,
70 Mississippi; two foster brothers, Jonathan Van Every and Kelsay
71 Van Every of Brandon, Mississippi; biological father, Larry
72 Langley, and step-mother, Sherry Donald Langley, both of Lena,
73 Mississippi; biological mother, Debbie Hearn Lloyd, and
74 step-father, Michael Lloyd, both of Covington, Louisiana; foster
75 parents, Eugene and Paula Van Every of Brandon, Mississippi;
76 biological grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Langley of Holly Bluff,
77 Missouri; paternal grandmother, Glenda Bridges Kuhn of Batesville,
78 Mississippi; paternal grandfather, Cecil Langley of Vicksburg,
79 Mississippi; maternal grandmother, Jannie Foster Hearn of
80 Covington, Louisiana; maternal grandfather, James T. Hearn of
81 Hammond, Louisiana; paternal step-grandmother, Mary Langley of
82 Vicksburg, Mississippi; foster grandmother, Virginia Tardy of
83 Cleveland, Mississippi; and mother and father-in-law, Henry and
84 Linda Bryant of Batesville, Mississippi; and

85 WHEREAS, Robbie was eulogized as a tremendous young man, who
86 lived what he believed and who was at the "best moment in his
87 life". He was a civic servant at heart who gave the ultimate gift
88 to his community and state. It is with sadness that we note the
89 untimely passing of this public servant and for his courage,
90 strength and dedicated service, a grateful state thanks him:

91 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
92 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
93 we do hereby commend the life and career of Robert Michael
94 "Robbie" Langley, the first University of Mississippi Police

95 Officer whose life was taken in the line of duty, and express to
96 his surviving family the sympathy of the Legislature on his
97 untimely passing.

98 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
99 the surviving family of Officer Langley, be forwarded to the
100 Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, and be made available
101 to members of the Capitol Press Corps.