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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 589

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT 1ST CLASS
3 WILLIAM C. SPILLERS OF TERRY, MISSISSIPPI, WHO DIED IN IRAQ ON
4 FEBRUARY 17, 2007, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant 1st Class William
6 Spillers, 39, of Terry, Mississippi, died in Baghdad, Iraq, on
7 Saturday, February 17, 2007; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Spillers was a full-time soldier with the
9 Mississippi National Guard. He worked at the Joint Forces
10 Headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi, and was assigned to the
11 Jackson-based 230th Finance Detachment. Twenty-one members of the
12 unit were mobilized in May 2006, and arrived in Iraq in August
13 2006; and

14 WHEREAS, carried by an Army Honor Guard, he returned to his
15 former home and to his wife and family, and to his community. He
16 was buried with full military honors on Sunday, February 25, 2007,
17 at Autumn Woods Memorial Gardens; and

18 WHEREAS, according to General Harold Cross, Adjutant General
19 of the Mississippi National Guard, Sergeant Spillers was a model
20 soldier, who was always attentive to his duties and had many
21 friends in his unit; and

22 WHEREAS, since operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan, at
23 least 47 soldiers or sailors with Mississippi ties have died in
24 action; and

25 WHEREAS, William Spillers was a loving husband who is counted
26 among America's heroes, committed to our nation's safety and
27 security. To a country, a fallen soldier means a national loss;
28 to a community, a fallen soldier means a true hero; to a parent a

29 fallen soldier means a son who won't be coming home.
30 Mississippians understand the costs of conflict, because we have
31 paid them in the past, and it is with great pride and humility
32 that we recognize the heroic action of this great American and
33 Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization as we know it
34 today:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
36 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
37 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of
38 United States Army and Mississippi National Guard Sergeant 1st
39 Class William C. Spillers, who died in Iraq on Saturday, February
40 17, 2007, and extend the thoughts and prayers of the Legislature
41 to his family and our sorrow on his passing.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
43 the surviving family of Sergeant Spillers and be made available to
44 members of the Capitol Press Corps.