

By: Senator(s) Browning

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 614

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES ARMY PRIVATE BARRY MAYO OF
3 ECRU, MISSISSIPPI, WHO DIED FROM AN EXPLOSION NEAR HIS UNIT WHILE
4 ON COMBAT OPERATIONS IN IRAQ ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007, AND
5 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

6 WHEREAS, United States Army Private Barry W. Mayo, 21, of
7 Ecruc, Mississippi, and two other soldiers died on Monday, March 5,
8 2007, in Baqubah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device
9 detonated near their unit while on combat operations; and

10 WHEREAS, Private Mayo was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 82nd
11 Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division out of Fort
12 Hood, Texas; and

13 WHEREAS, carried by an Army Honor Guard, he returned to his
14 home, his family and his community, and was buried on Friday,
15 March 16, 2007, in Union Hill Cemetery in Myrtle, Mississippi,
16 with full military honors; and

17 WHEREAS, flags are flying at half-staff around the town of
18 Ecruc, Mississippi, which has lost its second Iraq casualty in less
19 than two years (Marine Corporal Clifton Mounce was killed in Iraq
20 in July 2005); and

21 WHEREAS, he first went to Iraq after he turned 18 years-old,
22 said Patricia Mayo, the soldier's grandmother. "He had come back
23 home and had been back for two weeks before he went back on
24 February 20, 2007, his 21st birthday," she said. He is remembered
25 by family and friends as having a great sense of humor and a love
26 for basketball; and

27 WHEREAS, since operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan, at
28 least 48 soldiers or sailors with Mississippi ties have died in
29 action; and

30 WHEREAS, Private Mayo's parents are John Alton and Becky Mayo
31 of Ecrú, Mississippi; and Robert and Kim Kidd Yarbrough of
32 Pflugerville, Texas. He is also survived by his brother, Andy Lee
33 Mayo of Myrtle, Mississippi; his grandparents are John Henry and
34 Patricia Mayo of Myrtle, Mississippi; and Roger Kidd of New
35 Albany, Mississippi; Patsy Nobles of Hickory Flatt, Mississippi;
36 Thomas and Shirley Stanford of New Albany, Mississippi; and Robert
37 II and Sandy Yarbrough of Austin, Texas; and many close friends;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, Barry Mayo was a loving son and grandson who is
40 counted among America's heroes, committed to our nation's safety
41 and security. To a country, a fallen soldier means a national
42 loss; to a community, a fallen soldier means a true hero; to a
43 parent, a fallen soldier means a son who won't be coming home.
44 Mississippians understand the costs of conflict, because we have
45 paid them in the past, and it is with great pride and humility
46 that we recognize the heroic action of this great American and
47 Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization as we know it
48 today:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
51 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of
52 United States Army Private Barry W. Mayo of Ecrú, Mississippi, who
53 died from an explosion near his unit while on combat operations on
54 Monday, March 5, 2007, and extend the thoughts and prayers of the
55 Legislature to his family and our sorrow on his passing.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 the surviving family of Private Mayo and be made available to
58 members of the Capitol Press Corps.