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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.