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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 599

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS OF MISSISSIPPI
2 BUREAU OF NARCOTICS (MBN) AGENT LEE TARTT OF GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI,
3 WHO DIED HONORABLY IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20,
4 2016, AND EXTENDING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE LEGISLATURE TO HIS
5 BEREAVED SURVIVING FAMILY.

6 WHEREAS, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics Agent Lee Tartt (44)
7 of Grenada, Mississippi, died honorably in the line of duty in a
8 shootout in Tishomingo County on February 20, 2016. Agent Tartt
9 was a law enforcement professional known by his friends and fellow
10 agents for his honesty, courage and loyalty. Three Mississippi
11 Highway Patrol SWAT Officers were also injured in the incident;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Agent Tartt was a family man with two children and
14 was well known throughout the community; and

15 WHEREAS, Tartt was the 2011 MBN Agent of the Year, and won
16 the H. Lane Caldwell Award for Valor in 2012. He was a 22-year
17 law enforcement veteran, and had been with MBN since 2000. His
18 former Supervisor, Marshall Fisher, now Commissioner of the
19 Mississippi Department of Corrections, said he remembers Tartt's



20 humility when he was named Agent of the Year. "He gave the credit
21 to everyone but himself. His life had meaning and purpose. We
22 must never forget his selfless sacrifice." Tartt ran for Grenada
23 County Sheriff in the 2015 primary; and

24 WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bryant issued a statement referencing
25 that Tartt stood in the gap willingly for the people of his
26 community and his state. Our men and women in law enforcement put
27 themselves in harm's way every hour of every shift. This is a
28 tragic reminder that their willingness to serve can exact the
29 highest price. Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves also sent words of
30 condolence, "Agent Tartt dedicated his life to protecting the
31 people of Mississippi, and his courageous service will not be
32 forgotten"; and

33 WHEREAS, Tartt was born December 15, 1971, in Grenada to
34 James Perry "Bubby" and Jean Tutor Tartt. He was a member of
35 Friendship Baptist Church and earned a degree in Criminal Justice
36 at Delta State University. Lee joined the Grenada Police
37 Department in 1994 and then in 2000, joined the Mississippi Bureau
38 of Narcotics. Survivors include his wife, Deborah Harbin Tartt;
39 one daughter, Lauren Harbin; one son, Landon Harbin; his father,
40 James P. "Bubby" Tartt of Grenada; one sister, Sara Lynn Tartt
41 (Hank) McKay of Birmingham, Alabama; and a brother, Keith (Sharon)
42 Tartt of Grenada; and

43 WHEREAS, we can never repay our debt to law enforcement
44 officers and their families, but we must do what we can, with all



45 that we have, to live our lives in a way that pays tribute to
46 their memory. We should not pause and remember to thank law
47 enforcement officers only in the wake of tragedy, we should do it
48 every day:

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 mourn the loss and pay tribute to the life of fallen
52 Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics Agent Lee Tartt of Grenada,
53 Mississippi, who died honorably in the line of duty on Saturday,
54 February 20, 2016, and extend the condolences of the Legislature
55 to his bereaved surviving family.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
57 the surviving family of Agent Tartt, forwarded to the Director of
58 the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and the Commissioner of Public
59 Safety, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

