

By: Representatives Currie,
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FALLEN LINCOLN
2 COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF DONALD "WILLIAM" DURR AND EXPRESSING
3 DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff Donald "William" Durr,
5 an unabashed follower of Christ who brought great joy to the lives
6 of children and young people, at the age of 36, departed this
7 earthly life while protecting others in the line of duty on May
8 28, 2017, bringing great sorrow to his family, friends, fellow
9 officers, Lincoln County as well as this great state and nation;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Deputy Durr, of Bogue Chitto, Mississippi, who is
12 described as the nicest guy at the Lincoln County Sheriff's
13 Department, was born to his loving parents, Donald Jeffrey Durr
14 and Debbie Cox Durr on June 19, 1980, and he furthered his
15 education by earning a bachelor's degree from Mississippi College;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, answering the call to help, protect and encourage
18 others, Deputy Durr served with the Lincoln County Sheriff's



19 Department for two years, and prior to that, he served with the
20 Brookhaven Police Department for four years; and

21 WHEREAS, as a server and protector of the citizens of Lincoln
22 County, Deputy Durr was known to pray for people on calls, and he
23 was known for his upbeat, uplifting and encouraging spirit that
24 made him well respected and memorable by those whom he
25 encountered; and

26 WHEREAS, before joining law enforcement, Deputy Durr, who is
27 described as a natural-born servant of the Lord, was a youth
28 minister and a pastor, and in that role he led children to Christ
29 by conducting puppet shows to deliver inspiring messages; and

30 WHEREAS, Deputy Durr was also a ventriloquist who took his
31 puppets to schools and churches, and just as recently as two weeks
32 ago, he entertained preschoolers by sharing a message that
33 conveyed: like fireflies - people can use their inner light to
34 help those around them, which is truly a message that he lived to
35 its fullest extent; and

36 WHEREAS, recently, Deputy Durr had completed Drug Abuse
37 Resistance Education (DARE) training and was going to be the
38 department's DARE officer for the fall, which was a natural fit
39 due to his love and passion for young people; and

40 WHEREAS, in addition to being a humble and brave public
41 servant who selflessly protected others, Deputy Durr was a
42 faithful member of Moak's Creek Baptist Church and was a part of



43 the Brookhaven Masonic Lodge, and was blessed with musical talent
44 as a guitarist, and enjoyed woodworking; and

45 WHEREAS, the contributions of Deputy Durr will continue to
46 flourish in the hearts and minds of his survivors, some of whom
47 include: his beautiful wife, Tressie C. Hall; wonderful son,
48 Nash Durr; caring mother, Debbie Durr; loving sister, Megan Durr;
49 a special friend like a brother, Timothy Kees; father and
50 mother-in-law, Johnny Ray and Brenda Hall; brothers-in-law, Stuart
51 Hall and wife Sarabeth, Wade Price and Adam Cook; a sister-in-law,
52 Briana Hall Price; and nieces, Ashlyn Hall, Raylee Price and
53 Amelia Price; and

54 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Mississippi House of
55 Representatives to honor and pay tribute to a true hero such as
56 Deputy William Durr who made the ultimate sacrifice - a sacrifice
57 that was made while protecting others and that will not be
58 forgotten for generations to come:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
60 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
61 commend the life and legacy of Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff
62 Donald "William" Durr and express deepest sympathy to his family,
63 friends, fellow officers, and to the citizens of Lincoln County
64 upon his passing.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
66 furnished to Mrs. Tressie C. Hall and to the members of the
67 Capitol Press Corps.

