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Stone, Tindell, Tollison, Turner-Ford, Watson, Wiggins, Wilemon,  
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To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 501

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE  
2 LEGISLATURE ON THE LOSS OF LINCOLN COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF WILLIAM  
3 DURR WHILE ON OFFICIAL DUTY AND EXTENDING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO  
4 HIS BEREAVED FAMILY.

5 WHEREAS, Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff William Durr passed  
6 away on May 28, 2017, while serving and protecting the people of  
7 Lincoln County, Mississippi, a job he loved, an event which has  
8 saddened the State of Mississippi and the entire nation; and

9 WHEREAS, Deputy Durr, 36, had served with the Lincoln County  
10 Sheriff's Department for two years. He previously had been with  
11 the Brookhaven Police Department for four years; and

12 WHEREAS, he was born June 19, 1980, to Donald Jeffrey Durr  
13 and Debbie Cox Durr. Durr was a graduate of Mississippi College  
14 with a bachelor's degree. He was part of the Brookhaven Masonic  
15 Lodge and was a member of Moak's Creek Baptist Church. William  
16 had a passion for children and youth ministries and would use his



17 talents as a ventriloquist to minister to them. He recently  
18 completed training in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education  
19 (D.A.R.E.) Program. His other hobbies he loved were woodworking  
20 and playing guitar; and

21 WHEREAS, the family of fallen Lincoln County Deputy William  
22 Durr released this statement: William Durr was a wonderful  
23 husband, father, son, brother, son-in-law and uncle to our family.  
24 He was a terrific friend to many. He served his LORD with his  
25 entire being. His love for others was portrayed in his service in  
26 law enforcement. William enjoyed life because he truly wanted to  
27 be a blessing to others. William had a love for young people. He  
28 served various churches in numerous positions. His work with  
29 preschoolers, children, youth and college students rendered  
30 dividends many will not fathom. Only God Himself knows the true  
31 extent of William's kingdom work. His service to God was not  
32 reserved for Sundays alone. Time and again, William would share  
33 God's love to those he encountered while serving as a deputy  
34 sheriff or police officer. He would take the time and pray for  
35 those in need of God's love and peace. His love for others knew  
36 no boundaries. William will be missed by all who knew him. His  
37 legacy of love and service will live long after his body is no  
38 longer here; and

39 WHEREAS, survivors are his wife, Tressie C. Hall; son, Nash  
40 Durr; mother Debbie Durr; sister, Megan Durr; a special friend he  
41 loved like a brother, Timothy Kees; father and mother-in-law,



42 Johnny Ray and Brenda Hall; brothers-in-law, Stuart Hall and wife  
43 Sarabeth, Wade Price and Adam Cook; and a sister-in-law, Briana  
44 Hall Price; and nieces: Ashlyn Hall, Raylee Price and Amelia  
45 Price; and

46 WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bryant ordered flags at public  
47 buildings to be flown at half-staff in William Durr's honor. We  
48 can never repay our debt to fallen law enforcement officers and  
49 their families, but we must do what we can, with all that we have,  
50 to live our lives in a way that pays tribute to their memory. We  
51 should not pause and remember to thank law enforcement officers  
52 only in the wake of tragedy, we should do it everyday:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
54 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
55 we do hereby express the profound sorrow of the Legislature on the  
56 loss of Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff William Durr while on  
57 official duty and extend our deepest sympathy to his bereaved  
58 family.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
60 the surviving family of Deputy William Durr, forwarded to the  
61 Sheriff of Lincoln County and the Governor and made available to  
62 the Capitol Press Corps.

