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Simmons (13th), Stone, Tindell, Tollison, Turner-Ford, Watson,  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 502

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND  
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MISSISSIPPI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SERGEANT  
3 KYLE THOMAS OF AMORY, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS LOST IN A TRAINING  
4 EXERCISE IN CALIFORNIA ON MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017, AND EXPRESS THE  
5 SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

6 WHEREAS, a Mississippi Army National Guard soldier from  
7 Amory, Mississippi, was lost in a training exercise in California.  
8 Twenty-four-year-old Sergeant Kyle Thomas of the 155th Armored  
9 Brigade Combat Team died Monday, May 29, 2017, in an accident at  
10 the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant Thomas was assigned to the 2d Battalion,  
12 198th Armored Regiment, and was among four 2-198 R soldiers  
13 conducting combat maneuver operations in a M1A2 SEPv2 Abrams Main  
14 Battle Tank; and

15 WHEREAS, born on December 10, 1992, in Amory, Mississippi,  
16 Sgt. Thomas is the son of Eddie Thomas and JoAnn Boussouar. On



17 May 1, 2017, he became a father, and leaves behind a daughter,  
18 Devina Smith. His graveside service with military honors will be  
19 held in Amory on June 9, 2017. Pallbearers will be members of the  
20 Mississippi National Guard Honor Team and honorary pallbearers  
21 will include members of the Mississippi Army National Guard and  
22 the Amory High School Class of 2011; and

23 WHEREAS, Kyle Thomas was a loving father, husband and son who  
24 is counted among America's heroes, committed to our nation's  
25 safety and security. To a country, a fallen soldier means a  
26 national loss; to a community, a fallen soldier means a true hero;  
27 to a child, wife or parent, a fallen soldier means a father,  
28 husband or son who won't be coming home. Mississippians  
29 understand the costs of conflict, because we have paid them in the  
30 past, and it is with great pride and humility that we recognize  
31 the heroic action of this great American and Mississippian, who  
32 was the guardian of civilization as we know it today:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
34 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
35 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of  
36 Mississippi Army National Guard Sergeant Kyle Thomas of Amory,  
37 Mississippi, who was lost in a training exercise in California on  
38 Monday May 29, 2017, and extend the thoughts and prayers of the  
39 Legislature to his family and our sorrow on his passing.



40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
41 the surviving family of Sergeant Thomas and made available to the  
42 Capitol Press Corps.

