

By: Senator(s) Doty, Barnett,  
Blackwell, Blount, Dearing,  
DeBar, Frazier, Jackson (32nd),  
McDaniel, Simmons (13th), Stone,  
Watson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, he was born June 19, 1980, to Donald Jeffrey Durr  
12 and Debbie Cox Durr. Durr was a graduate of Mississippi College  
13 with a bachelor's degree. He was part of the Brookhaven Masonic  
14 Lodge and was a member of Moak's Creek Baptist Church. William  
15 had a passion for children and youth ministries and would use his  
16 talents as a ventriloquist to minister to them. He recently  
17 completed training in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education



18 (D.A.R.E.) Program. His other hobbies he loved were woodworking  
19 and playing guitar; and

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

38 WHEREAS, survivors are his wife, Tressie C. Hall; son, Nash  
39 Durr; mother Debbie Durr; sister, Megan Durr; a special friend he  
40 loved like a brother, Timothy Kees; father and mother-in-law,  
41 Johnny Ray and Brenda Hall; brothers-in-law, Stuart Hall and wife  
42 Sarabeth, Wade Price and Adam Cook; and a sister-in-law, Briana



43 Hall Price; and nieces: Ashlyn Hall, Raylee Price and Amelia  
44 Price; and

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

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

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

