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Blackwell, Blount, Dearing,
DeBar, Frazier, Jackson (32nd),
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, Sergeant Thomas was born on December 10, 1992, in
15 Amory, Mississippi, the son of Eddie Thomas and JoAnn Boussouar.
16 He graduated from Amory High School in 2011. On May 1, 2017, he
17 became a father, and leaves behind a daughter, Devina Smith. His
18 graveside service with military honors will be held in Amory on
19 June 9, 2017. Pallbearers will be members of the Mississippi



20 National Guard Honor Team and honorary pallbearers will include
21 members of the Mississippi Army National Guard and the Amory High
22 School Class of 2011; and

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

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

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

