

By: Senator(s) Parker, Blackwell, Massey,
Barnett, Chassaniol, Dearing, DeBar, Doty,
Fillingane, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd),
Watson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 513

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS AND COMMENDING THE
2 SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE WALLACE EUGENE BURCH, 25, OF
3 HORN LAKE, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Junior Grade Wallace Eugene Burch, 25,
5 died on October 1, 2017, as a result of a training accident, when
6 the T-45C aircraft, which Wallace and Lieutenant Patrick L. Ruth
7 were flying, crashed in Tellico Plains, Tennessee; and

8 WHEREAS, Wallace was born on October 15, 1991, in Nashville,
9 Tennessee, to Dr. William Eugene Burch and Adrienne Louise
10 Starling. Wallace graduated from DeSoto Central High School in
11 2010 and Mississippi State University in 2014. Wallace attended
12 Naval Officer Candidate School in September 2014. Following
13 graduation and commissioning as an Ensign with Class 05-15E on
14 January 16, 2015, Wallace reported to Aviation Preflight
15 Indoctrination in Pensacola, Florida; and

16 WHEREAS, after Indoctrination in Pensacola, Florida, Wallace
17 reported to VT-6 for Primary Flight Training in the T-6B, in June
18 2015. While there, Wallace was awarded the Commodore's List with



19 Distinction for superior performance during training. In April
20 2016 Wallace was selected for the Strike Training Pipeline and
21 reported to VT-7 in Meridian, Mississippi. He was a member of
22 Class 16-95 with VT-7 and finished Intermediate Jet Training in
23 March 2017; and

24 WHEREAS, Wallace is survived by his mother, Adrienne Louise
25 Starling Moore; father and stepmother, Dr. William Eugene and
26 Jennifer Burch; brothers: Lance Corporal Reed Edward Burch,
27 Clayton Evan Burch, and Maximus Macleod Moore; sister, Maggie Mae
28 Moore; maternal grandmother, Althea Jett Starling; paternal
29 grandmother, Linda Bailey Burch; and girlfriend, Amber Madison.
30 Wallace is also survived by his aunts, uncles, cousins,
31 stepbrothers, a stepsister, and many close friends; and

32 WHEREAS, Wallace Burch was a loving son who is counted among
33 America's heroes, committed to our nation's safety and security.
34 To a country, a fallen soldier or sailor means a national loss; to
35 a community, a fallen soldier or sailor means a true hero; to a
36 child, wife or parent, a fallen soldier or sailor means a father,
37 husband or son who won't be coming home. Mississippians
38 understand the costs of conflict, because we have paid them in the
39 past, and it is with great pride and humility that we recognize
40 the heroic action of this great American and Mississippian, who
41 was the guardian of civilization as we know it today:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
43 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That



44 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of
45 Lieutenant Junior Grade Wallace Eugene Burch of Horn Lake,
46 Mississippi, who was lost in a training exercise in Tennessee on
47 October 1, 2017, and extend the thoughts and prayers of the
48 Legislature to his family and our sorrow on his passing.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
50 the surviving family of Lieutenant Junior Grade Wallace Eugene
51 Burch and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

