

By: Senator(s) Wiggins, Watson, DeBar,  
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 570

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE DISTINGUISHED  
2 MILITARY SERVICE OF STAFF SERGEANT DALLAS RAMSEY PAULS, USAF, A  
3 NATIVE OF VANCLEAVE, MISSISSIPPI, WHO DIED ON JANUARY 7, 2016, AND  
4 WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL.

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dallas R. Pauls, 31, was a Radio  
6 Frequency Transmissions Systems Supervisor with the 609th Air  
7 Communications Squadron. He joined the Air Force in 2006 and  
8 arrived at Shaw Air Force Base in 2015. Dallas was a native of  
9 Vancleave and a 2002 graduate of Vancleave High School. He also  
10 graduated from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jackson  
11 County Campus, and was attending Colorado Technical University.  
12 He served in the United States Air Force for ten years and served  
13 two deployments in Afghanistan. Dallas had a passion for soccer  
14 as a player and a fan; and

15 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Pauls tragically died in a motorcycle  
16 accident near the Sumter gate of U.S. Highway 76 the morning of  
17 January 7, 2016; and

18 WHEREAS, "Staff Sergeant Dallas Pauls was a charismatic and  
19 amazing talented noncommissioned officer," said Colonel Stamatis



20 Smeltz, Director of Communications for United States Central  
21 Command Air Force (USAFCENT). "His witty and dependable character  
22 shined through in every aspect of his life. He was a true  
23 wingman, mentor and leader. Through his dedication and service to  
24 others, he personified what it means to be an Airman. He will be  
25 greatly missed by the men and women of the 609th Air  
26 Communications Squadron and the USAFCENT A6 Directorate"; and

27 WHEREAS, the Air Force Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf  
28 Cluster) was awarded posthumously to Staff Sergeant Dallas R.  
29 Pauls for Meritorious Service May 11, 2015, to January 6, 2016.  
30 The citation reads as follows: "Staff Sergeant Dallas R. Pauls  
31 distinguished himself by meritorious service as Radio Frequency  
32 Transmissions Systems Supervisor, 609th Air Communications  
33 Squadron, United States Air Force Central Command, Shaw Air Force  
34 Base, South Carolina. During this period, Sergeant Pauls was  
35 instrumental in the sustainment of 17 United States Embassies'  
36 satellite communications, providing critical evacuation  
37 capabilities to 2,600 embassy personnel in the United States  
38 Central Command's area of responsibility. He deployed to five  
39 embassies, installed two satellite suites, and provided user  
40 training to key personnel, ultimately hardening noncombatant  
41 evacuation operation communications for 400 embassy members and  
42 families. Additionally, Sergeant Pauls drove the acquisition and  
43 deployment of two combat search and rescue base stations,  
44 sustaining command and control links for over 10,000 warfighters



45 aiding in two lives saved. Finally, Sergeant Pauls led the test  
46 and evaluation of 84 radio nets, leading to the repair of four  
47 critical links. His efforts projected 100 total Atlantic air  
48 picture visibility to Air Mobility Command, ultimately anchoring  
49 the movement of 130,000 cargo short tons and 124,000 passengers  
50 globally. The distinctive accomplishments of Sergeant Pauls in  
51 the dedication of his service to his country reflect credit upon  
52 himself and the United States Air Force"; and

53 WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his grandfather, Lawrence  
54 Alfred Pauls, and Reverend Edward "Doc" Tyndall. Survivors  
55 include his mother, Stacey (Lee) Wheatley; father, Daniel (Terrie)  
56 Pauls; fiancée, Staff Sergeant Kristi Gouge; grandparents, Edna  
57 Carolyn Tyndall, William Martin, Fay Pauls, Paul and Ann Mathes,  
58 and Darrell and Marie Shows; two sisters, Jessica (Evan) Pauls and  
59 Samantha Allen; three sisters: Amber Ranew, Amber Wheatley and  
60 Megan Wheatley, a stepbrother, Dustin Alexander; and numerous  
61 nieces and nephews; and

62 WHEREAS, we join the United States Air Force in recognizing  
63 Dallas' legacy which is a strong and free America, and for this  
64 and for a lifetime of selfless service a grateful nation and state  
65 thank him and his family:

66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
67 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
68 we do hereby remember the distinguished military service of Staff  
69 Sergeant Dallas Ramsey Pauls, USAF, a native of Vancleave,



70 Mississippi, who died on January 7, 2016, and was posthumously  
71 awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal and extend our belated  
72 sympathy to his surviving family.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
74 the surviving family of Dallas Pauls, forwarded to the Department  
75 of the Air Force, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

