

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE ON THE LOSS OF OFF-DUTY MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL
3 CORPORAL KENNETH JOSH LIN "JOSH" SMITH OF WALNUT, MISSISSIPPI, AND
4 EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS BEREAVED FAMILY.

5 WHEREAS, it is written in II Corinthians 4:17-18, "For our
6 light affliction, which is but for a moment, worked for us a far
7 more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at
8 the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen:
9 for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which
10 are not seen are eternal," and as such, the immaculate author and
11 finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal presence of
12 dearly beloved, Kenneth Joshlin "Josh" Smith, to rest eternally,
13 as he has made life's final transition from earthly travailing to
14 heavenly reward, rendering great sorrow and loss to his family and
15 friends; and

16 WHEREAS, the community of Walnut, Mississippi, lost a
17 wonderful friend and true public servant with the passing of
18 Corporal Kenneth Joshlin "Josh" Smith, an eleven-year veteran with
19 Mississippi Highway Patrol Troop F, on Sunday, September 30, 2018,



20 in service to the citizens of the State of Mississippi in Tippah
21 and Alcorn Counties, and there is now a hush in our hearts as we
22 come together to pay our respects to the memory of one who has
23 been called to join that innumerable heavenly caravan; and

24 WHEREAS, Josh Smith, or "Kenny," as he was lovingly referred
25 to by his wife Chelsea, was a devoted father and husband who
26 worked hard to provide for his family making sure their needs were
27 met before his own; and

28 WHEREAS, Josh dedicated his talents to build his career
29 working from Motorcycle Patrol to the Special Operations Group
30 (SOG) unit and as a proud member of the Special Weapons and
31 Tactics (SWAT) team at the time of his unfortunate demise; and

32 WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bryant, Lieutenant Governor Tate
33 Reeves, Speaker of the House Philip Gunn and other elected
34 officials attended Josh's funeral services, along with the ranking
35 brass of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and numerous
36 other federal, state and local agencies, including strong
37 contingencies from the Arkansas and Louisiana State Police, who
38 attended as final tribute of respect to their fallen brother in
39 blue; and

40 WHEREAS, while friends and family always held a fear of the
41 unknown that comes with a career dedicated to serving others, Josh
42 served fearlessly and wholeheartedly, in whatever capacity he was
43 needed to fill, which was also tantamount to the leisurely things
44 in life he enjoyed most with his family, like fishing and hunting



45 with his son Bryson, drinking milkshakes and riding the Razor with
46 his little princess, "Lilly Poo," or working on automobiles with
47 his wife; and

48 WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bryant ordered State and American
49 flags on public property flown at half-staff from sunrise October
50 1, 2018, until sunset October 4, 2018, to mourn the loss of
51 Corporal Smith and the two Brookhaven Officers White and Moak, who
52 also paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives on September 29,
53 2018; and

54 WHEREAS, an officer and a gentleman who has laid down his
55 flag and staff of battle to unite with the legions of Heaven's
56 guardians, Corporal Smith will be sorely missed by those who
57 experienced the depth of his love, commitment and compassion for
58 life and pursuit of freedom for all, but the legacy of his memory
59 will forever be etched in the hearts and memories of his
60 survivors, including: his wife, Chelsea Smith; son, Bryson Lane
61 Smith; daughter, Lilly Kate Smith; mother, Vickie Clark; father,
62 James Smith; siblings, Brandon Jones, Canon Hawkins, McKenzie
63 Clark, Tonya Vick, Sharee Carter, Michelle Wilbanks and Kelly
64 Smith; and a host of friends; he was preceded in death by his
65 maternal grandparents, Martha Lou and Marlin Jones; and
66 mother-in-law, Robin Follin; and

67 WHEREAS, we encourage the family to find solace from the
68 overwhelming sadness created by the earthly departure of their
69 beloved family member and be renewed in their faith that Corporal



70 Smith fulfilled the purpose of his appointed time in adherence to
71 the commandment of II Timothy 4:7, by having "fought a good fight,
72 finishing his course and keeping the faith until the hour of his
73 departure was at hand"; and

74 WHEREAS, we can never repay our debt to fallen law
75 enforcement officers and their families, but we must do what we
76 can, with all that we have, to live our lives in a way that pays
77 tribute to their memory and heroic action, as evidenced by the
78 life and merits of Corporal Smith, whose gift to this state was
79 that the preservation of peace and prosperity abound for all
80 citizens:

81 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
82 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
83 THEREIN, That we do hereby express the profound sorrow of the
84 Legislature on the loss of Mississippi Highway Patrol Corporal
85 Kenneth Joshlin "Josh" Smith of Walnut, Mississippi, and extend
86 our deepest sympathy to his bereaved family.

87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
88 furnished to the surviving family of Corporal Smith and to the
89 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

