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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 506

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE FOR MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER KENNETH JOSH LIN
3 "JOSH" SMITH OF WALNUT, MISSISSIPPI, AND EXTENDING OUR DEEPEST
4 SYMPATHY TO HIS BEREAVED FAMILY.

5 WHEREAS, Mississippi Highway Patrol Trooper Kenneth Joshlin
6 "Josh" Smith (32) of Walnut, Mississippi, passed away on September
7 30, 2018, while serving and protecting the people of Tippah/Alcorn
8 Counties, Mississippi, an event which saddened the State of
9 Mississippi and the entire nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Josh Smith, or as Chelsea lovingly referred to him
11 as "Kenny," was a devoted father and husband. He worked hard to
12 provide for his family, making sure their needs were met before
13 his own; and

14 WHEREAS, Josh had been a respected officer with the
15 Mississippi Highway Patrol since 2007. He dedicated his talents
16 to build his career working from Motorcycle Patrol to the Special
17 Operations Group (SOG) unit and was a proud member of the Special
18 Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team; and



19 WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bryant, Lieutenant Governor Tate
20 Reeves, Speaker of the House Philip Gunn and other elected
21 officials attended the funeral, along with the ranking brass of
22 the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and numerous other
23 federal, state and local agencies. "He is another fallen hero we
24 tragically lost. Please pray for his family and friends," Bryant
25 said. Strong contingencies were on hand from the Arkansas and
26 Louisiana State Police, but almost every state was represented at
27 Smith's funeral, officials said; and

28 WHEREAS, while friends and family always held a fear of the
29 unknown that comes with a career dedicated to serving others, Josh
30 served fearlessly in whatever capacity he was needed to fill.
31 While he enjoyed many things in life, such as fishing and hunting
32 with Bryson or drinking milkshakes and riding the Razor with his
33 little girl, Lilly Poo, family was the most important thing in
34 life. Josh and Chelsea enjoyed life together no matter what they
35 did. When he was not serving others, he turned a hobby working on
36 automobiles into a second career that he enjoyed with his wife;
37 and

38 WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bryant ordered State and American
39 flags on public property flown at half-staff from sunrise October
40 1, 2018, until sunset October 4, 2018, to mourn the loss of
41 Trooper Smith and Brookhaven Officers White and Moak. The
42 Mississippi Highway Patrol Honor Guard stood guard beside the
43 Trooper's casket and concluded with taps played and the rifle



44 salutes at the graveside service. The Honor Guard is a team of
45 troopers who travel the state to honor fallen law enforcement
46 officers. It is the greatest way to show honor for the ones who
47 have sacrificed their life; and

48 WHEREAS, while Josh leaves a void that will never be filled,
49 the pride that his family and friends have for the outstanding man
50 he was will carry on forever. Those left to honor Josh's memory
51 include his wife, Chelsea Smith; son, Bryson Lane Smith; daughter,
52 Lilly Kate Smith; mother, Vickie Clark; father, James Smith
53 (Mary); brothers: Brandon Jones (Dana), Canon Hawkins (Dezaray)
54 and McKenzie Clark (Bethanie); sisters: Tonya Vick (Ricky),
55 Sharee Carter (Dusty), Michelle Wilbanks and Kelly Smith; other
56 brothers: Josh Russell (Stacie), Tommy Garrett (Shelley) and
57 Jesse James; other parents, Tim James (Kim); father-in-law, Randy
58 Follin; sisters-in-law, Brandi Greene (Jimmy) and Melanie Brooks
59 (Clint Horton); and other relatives and a host of friends. He was
60 preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Martha Lou and
61 Marlin Jones; and mother-in-law, Robin Follin; and

62 WHEREAS, we can never repay our debt to fallen law
63 enforcement officers and their families, but we must do what we
64 can, with all that we have, to live our lives in a way that pays
65 tribute to their memory. We should not pause and remember to
66 thank law enforcement officers only in the wake of tragedy, we
67 should do it everyday:



68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
69 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
70 we do hereby express the profound sorrow of the Legislature for
71 Mississippi Highway Patrol Trooper Kenneth Joshlin "Josh" Smith of
72 Walnut, Mississippi, and extend our deepest sympathy to his
73 bereaved family.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
75 the surviving family of Trooper Josh Smith, forwarded to the
76 Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and the Governor, and made
77 available to the Capitol Press Corps.

