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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE ON THE LOSS OF BROOKHAVEN POLICE OFFICER CORPORAL
3 WALTER ZACHERY MARSHALL MOAK IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND EXTENDING OUR
4 DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS BEREAVED FAMILY.

5 WHEREAS, Brookhaven Police Officer Corporal Walter Zachery
6 Marshall Moak (31) of Bogue Chitto, Mississippi, passed away on
7 September 29, 2018, while serving and protecting the people of
8 Brookhaven, Mississippi, an event which saddened the State of
9 Mississippi and the entire nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Corporal Moak was born on October 11, 1986, in
11 McComb, Mississippi, to Walter Marshall Moak and Vicki Nations
12 Moak. He served in law enforcement for the Lincoln County
13 Sheriff's Office and the Wesson Police Department, and for the
14 last three years with the Brookhaven Police Department. He gave
15 his life in the line of duty while helping his fellow officer
16 (fulfilling John 15:35). He was always willing to put others
17 first as he served the community that he loved; and

18 WHEREAS, Corporal Moak was a member of Wellman Baptist Church
19 in Bogue Chitto, Mississippi. He enjoyed junking, making crafts,



20 computers, collecting guns, helping others in his community and
21 spending time with his family, especially his special niece, Avery
22 Moak. He was a loving son, brother, nephew, uncle, officer and
23 friend; and

24 WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bryant ordered State and American
25 flags on public property flown at half-staff from sunrise October
26 1, 2018, until sunset October 4, 2018, to mourn the loss of
27 Officers Moak and White. The Mississippi Highway Patrol Honor
28 Guard stood guard beside the officers' caskets and concluded with
29 taps played and the rifle salutes at the graveside services. The
30 Honor Guard is a team of troopers who travel the state to honor
31 fallen law enforcement officers. It is the greatest way to show
32 honor for the ones who have sacrificed their life; and

33 WHEREAS, it is the highest honor to support the Moak and
34 White families in their time of loss. At these moments, words
35 fall short as we try to make sense of the tragedy, but there are
36 some things we know for certain, these officers are heroes, they
37 gave their lives protecting and serving the citizens of Brookhaven
38 and they will be honored and remembered for their sacrifice. We
39 join our prayers with those of so many others in our state and
40 across the nation as we ask God to bring healing, comfort and
41 strength to these families and to all who are a part of the law
42 enforcement community; and

43 WHEREAS, Walter was preceded in death by his grandparents,
44 Walter and Lottie May Moak, and Wesley and Letha Mae Nations.



45 Those left to cherish his memory are his parents, Walter Marshall
46 Moak and Vicki Nations Moak; brother, Chris Moak (Savanna); niece,
47 Avery Moak; nephew, Evan Steed; and a host of family and friends;
48 and

49 WHEREAS, we can never repay our debt to fallen law
50 enforcement officers and their families, but we must do what we
51 can, with all that we have, to live our lives in a way that pays
52 tribute to their memory. We should not pause and remember to
53 thank law enforcement officers only in the wake of tragedy, we
54 should do it every day:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
56 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby express the profound sorrow of the
57 Legislature on the loss of Brookhaven Police Officer Corporal
58 Walter Zachery Marshall Moak while on official duty and extend our
59 deepest sympathy to his bereaved family.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
61 the surviving family of Corporal Moak, forwarded to the Brookhaven
62 Chief of Police and the Governor, and made available to the
63 Capitol Press Corps.

