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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND COMMENDING  
2 THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PATROLMAN MICHAEL ANTHONY BOUTTE, SR., OF  
3 THE HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LOST IN THE LINE OF DUTY  
4 ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021, AND EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY  
5 AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

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

17 WHEREAS, Hancock and Pearl River Counties, particularly the  
18 community of Carriere, Mississippi, lost a wonderful friend, true  
19 public servant and decorated United States Air Force veteran with



20 the passing of Deputy Lieutenant Michael Anthony Boutte, Sr., on  
21 Monday, February 1, 2021, in service to the citizens of Hancock  
22 County, and there is now a hush in our hearts as we come together  
23 to pay our respects to the memory of one who has been called to  
24 join that innumerable heavenly caravan; and

25 WHEREAS, Deputy Lieutenant Boutte, a native of New Orleans,  
26 Louisiana, was born on August 26, 1963, to Mr. James Boutte and  
27 the late Mrs. Alma Andrews, and possessed a zeal for life that was  
28 complimented by his personal determination to do his best in any  
29 endeavor undertaken, whether in the aid and assistance of others  
30 or the betterment of himself, which was made evident in his  
31 decision to join the United States Air Force after graduating from  
32 New Orleans' McDonough High School in 1981, a decision that  
33 directed the path of his first assignment to Barksdale Air Force  
34 Base, the same base to which his son and namesake, Michael, Jr.,  
35 would later be assigned as his first duty station; and

36 WHEREAS, having been deployed during Operation Desert Storm,  
37 Deputy Lieutenant Boutte concluded his active military service in  
38 1992, and commenced his career in law enforcement in Grand Rapids,  
39 South Dakota, upon attending and completing training at the South  
40 Dakota Law Enforcement Training Center, and subsequently served as  
41 a founding member of the City of Federal Way Department of Public  
42 Safety in Federal Way, Washington, after attending the Washington  
43 State Criminal Justice Center in 1996; and



44 WHEREAS, Deputy Lieutenant Boutte, who relocated to  
45 Mississippi in 2012 to join the ranks of the Picayune Police  
46 Department before becoming a member of the Hancock County  
47 Sheriff's Department in 2016, was a man of integral character  
48 dedicated to the cause of serving others who did not cower in fear  
49 when facing the most adverse of conditions, and valiantly assumed  
50 the selflessness of a hero when using his life as a shield to  
51 protect the lives of others through the payment of the ultimate  
52 sacrifice; and

53 WHEREAS, Deputy Lieutenant Boutte extended himself to  
54 persevere above and beyond the call of duty, honor and loyalty to  
55 the United States, which he so fervently held sacred throughout  
56 the performance of his duties as an esteemed South Dakota,  
57 Washington and Mississippi sworn law enforcement officer; and

58 WHEREAS, an officer and a gentleman who has laid down his  
59 flag and staff of battle to unite with the legions of Heaven's  
60 guardians after receiving a kindred spirit's embrace from his  
61 previously departed mother, Mrs. Alma Andrews, Deputy Lieutenant  
62 Boutte will be sorely missed by those who experienced the depth of  
63 his love, commitment and compassion for life and pursuit of  
64 freedom for all, yet the legacy of his memory will forever be  
65 etched in the hearts and memories of his survivors, including:  
66 his wife, Jennifer "Jen" Mann-Boutte; children, Jessica Boutte and  
67 Michael Anthony Boutte, Jr. (Brittany); seven grandchildren,  
68 Madison, Roscoe, Elionora, Michael III, Makensie, Aryah and



69 Barrett; stepdaughter, Alexis; father, James Boutte; siblings,  
70 David Boutte, Wendy Boutte, Mark Andrews, Anita Camp, Anitra  
71 Newton and Nina Boutte; father-in-law, Ron Kidner; and a host of  
72 other relatives, friends and brothers and sisters in uniform; and

73 WHEREAS, counted among Mississippi's and Hancock County's  
74 heroes, committed to our national and local safety and security,  
75 the State of Mississippi shares the sentiment that to a country, a  
76 fallen officer symbolizes a national loss; to a community, a  
77 fallen officer symbolizes a true hero; to a child, spouse or  
78 parent, a fallen officer symbolizes a loved one who will not  
79 return home; and

80 WHEREAS, we encourage the family to find solace from the  
81 overwhelming sadness created by the earthly departure of their  
82 beloved family member and be renewed in their faith that Deputy  
83 Lieutenant Boutte fulfilled the purpose of his appointed time in  
84 adherence to the commandment of II Timothy 4:7, by having "fought  
85 a good fight, finishing his course and keeping the faith until the  
86 hour of his departure was at hand"; and

87 WHEREAS, Mississippians understand the costs of conflict,  
88 because we have paid them in the past, and it is the policy of the  
89 House of Representatives to recognize, with great pride and  
90 humility, the heroic actions of this great American and  
91 Mississippian, as evidenced by the life and merits of Deputy  
92 Lieutenant Boutte, whose gift to this nation and state was the



93 ultimate sacrifice of life in order that peace and prosperity  
94 abound for all citizens of the great State of Mississippi:

95       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
96 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
97 remember the gallant service and commend the life and personal  
98 sacrifice of Deputy Lieutenant Michael Anthony Boutte, Sr., of the  
99 Hancock County Sheriff's Department, and extend deepest sympathy  
100 to his family and friends upon his passing.

101       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
102 furnished to the family of Deputy Lieutenant Boutte and to the  
103 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

