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England, Fillingane, Frazier, Hopson, Jackson
(11th), Jackson (32nd), McMahan, Simmons
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI SENATE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF FALLEN OFFICER,
3 HANCOCK COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF LIEUTENANT MICHAEL ANTHONY BOUTTE,
4 SR., WHO WAS LOST IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON FEBRUARY 1, 2021, AND
5 COMMENDING HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE TO THE STATE OF
6 MISSISSIPPI.

7 WHEREAS, we join the family of Lieutenant Michael Anthony
8 Boutte, Sr., and the citizens of Hancock County in mourning the
9 loss of this fallen officer who was lost in the line of duty after
10 responding to a call in the Town of Necaise on February 1, 2021;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Boutte, a United States Air Force
13 Veteran, served in Operation Desert Storm before attending the
14 United States Marine Corps Police Academy and later served in the
15 reserves in New Orleans. Lieutenant Boutte also previously worked
16 for the Picayune Police Department, the Pearl River County School
17 District and the Pearl River County Sheriff's Department; and

18 WHEREAS, during his eight years of service with the Hancock
19 County Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant Boutte was awarded the Life



Saving Medal for saving the life of a child and was credited for establishing the Silver Alert Database in Diamondhead; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Boutte was always smiling and exuded positivity. Hancock Sheriff Adam said "the Hancock County Sheriff's Office suffered a huge loss, Mike was an incredible deputy and a fine person. He was a mentor to our younger deputies and our thoughts, prayers and hearts go out to his family and loved ones"; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Boutte is survived by his wife Jennifer; his children: Jessica Boutte and Michael Boutte, Jr., (Brittany); stepdaughter, Alexis Russell; grandchildren: Madison, Roscoe, Elionora, Michael, III, Makensie, Aryah and Barrett; father, James Boutte; father-in-law, Ron Kidner; and his brothers and sisters: David and Wendy Boutte, Mark Andrews, Anita Camp, Anitra Newton and Nina Boutte. He was preceded in death by his mother, Alma Andrews; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the deepest sympathy of the Mississippi Senate to the bereaved family of fallen Officer, Hancock County Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant Michael Anthony Boutte,



45 Sr., who was lost in the line of duty on February 1, 2021, and
46 commend his law enforcement service to the State of Mississippi.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 the surviving family of Lieutenant Boutte, forwarded to the
49 Sheriff of Hancock County and the Mississippi Highway Patrol and
50 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

