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Simmons (13th), Sparks, Suber, Tate,
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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

1 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE SINCEREST SYMPATHY OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI SENATE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF HINDS
3 COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF MARTIN SHIELDS, JR., WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF
4 DUTY ON FEBRUARY 23, 2025, AND COMMENDING HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT
5 CAREER.

6 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we mourn the passing of
7 Hinds County Deputy Sheriff Martin Shields, Jr., who died in the
8 line of duty on February 23, 2025, while responding to a domestic
9 call in Terry, Mississippi; and

10 WHEREAS, Deputy Shields had been employed with the Hinds
11 County Sheriff's Office for approximately nine months, however,
12 his law enforcement career was more extensive; and

13 WHEREAS, Deputy Martin Shields was loved and cherished by
14 many people, including his wife, his 12-year-old daughter, and his
15 parents, Martin Luther Shields, Sr., and Marcie Bolton Levy; and

16 WHEREAS, Sheriff Tyree Jones wrote a heartfelt tribute to
17 Deputy Shields, who experienced a last encounter with the Deputy
18 shortly before his untimely death. "Deputy Shields died a hero.



19 He died while responding to a call for service to assist someone
20 in need. He fulfilled his assignment and his God-given mission on
21 earth." Across social media, law enforcement agencies and elected
22 officials have been offering condolences to the family, friends
23 and coworkers of Deputy Shields; and

24 WHEREAS, we never can repay our debt to this officer and his
25 family, but we must do what we can, with all that we have, to live
26 our lives in a way that pays tribute to his memory. We should not
27 remember to thank first responders and police officers only in the
28 wake of tragedy. We should do it every day:

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
30 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby extend the sincerest sympathy of
31 the Mississippi Senate to the surviving family and friends of
32 Hinds County Deputy Sheriff Martin Shields, Jr., who died in the
33 line of duty on February 23, 2025, and commend his law enforcement
34 career.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
36 the surviving family of Hinds County Deputy Sheriff Martin
37 Shields, Jr., forwarded to Hinds County Sheriff Tyree Jones and be
38 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

