

By: Representatives Dedeaux, Barnett
(116th), Compretta, Creel, Fredericks, Guice,
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To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 70

1 A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND COMMENDING
2 THE LIFE OF 2ND LT. THERREL SHANE CHILDERS OF SAUCIER,
3 MISSISSIPPI, ONE OF THE FIRST TWO AMERICAN COMBAT CASUALTIES IN
4 OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

5 WHEREAS, Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Therrel Shane Childers, age 30,
6 was among the first two American combat casualties in Operation
7 Iraqi Freedom when he was shot and killed by hostile fire in
8 Southern Iraq on Friday, March 21, 2003, while leading his men
9 into combat; and

10 WHEREAS, Lt. Childers graduated from Harrison Central High
11 School in 1990 while living in Saucier, Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, Childers' father was a Navy Seabee, but he decided
13 to join the Marines and enlisted following his graduation from
14 Harrison Central; in 1998 he was accepted into the Marine Enlisted
15 Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) and attended The Citadel
16 in Charleston, South Carolina, where he was a French Language
17 Major, Dean's List Student and excellent role model for the other
18 cadets, graduating in 2001; and

19 WHEREAS, Lt. Childers was an infantry officer and a platoon
20 commander in the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine
21 Division, and was part of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force
22 stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, which suffered the first
23 two casualties in Iraq; and

24 WHEREAS, friends of Shane Childers say that from an early
25 age, he was the epitome of a model Marine, a conscientious
26 student, polite and kind, strong in mind and body with a love for
27 his family and country; and



28 WHEREAS, Childers' father, Joseph, served in the Navy for 22
29 years as a Seabee with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 62
30 and 133 while stationed in Gulfport and the 20th Naval
31 Construction Regiment at the Naval Construction Training Center;
32 and his younger brother, Sam, has served over 8 years in the Navy;
33 the Childerses are remembered as a Seabee family who loved the
34 country and spent much of their time outdoors; and

35 WHEREAS, Mississippians understand the costs of conflict
36 because we have paid them in the past, and it is with great pride
37 and humility that we recognize the heroic action of this great
38 American and Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization
39 as we know it today:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
41 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
42 remember the gallant service and commend the life of Marine Corps
43 2nd Lt. Therrel Shane Childers of Saucier, Mississippi, infantry
44 officer and platoon commander who died Friday, March 21, 2003, of
45 wounds suffered in combat in Iraq, and was among the first two
46 American combat casualties in Iraq, and extend the thoughts and
47 prayers of the Mississippi House of Representatives to his family
48 and our sorrow on his passing.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be furnished to
50 the surviving family of Lt. Childers, the Commander-in-Chief of
51 United States Armed Forces, President George W. Bush, and to
52 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

