

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
2 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHRISTOPHER DALE MABRY AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST
3 SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, born on April 29, 1984, to Louis Mabry, Jr., and
5 Nancy Carter, Private First Class (PFC) Christopher Dale Mabry, of
6 Meehan, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, and the United States
7 Marine Corps, departed this life on April 7, 2004, while serving
8 the United States in furtherance of "Operation Iraqi Freedom,"
9 causing great sorrow and loss to his family and friends; and

10 WHEREAS, raised since the age of four by his grandmother,
11 Frances Mabry, and a May 2003 graduate of Clarkdale Attendance
12 Center, PFC Mabry began his tour of duty with the Marines on July
13 30, 2003, when he departed for basic training to undergo months of
14 extensive training before being deployed to Iraq on February 17,
15 2004; and

16 WHEREAS, PFC Mabry continually sought to be at the immediate
17 disposal of those who were in need of his very capable assistance,
18 working during his high school years as a volunteer at Queen City
19 Nursing Center and as an assistant to veterinarian, Dr. Otis
20 Seals; and

21 WHEREAS, a member of the Clarkdale Attendance Center Bulldogs
22 Football, Basketball and Track Teams, PFC Mabry not only excelled
23 athletically, but also maintained reputable standards academically
24 as well, as evidenced by his memberships in the National Honor
25 Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students; and

26 WHEREAS, PFC Mabry's ultimate goal was to become a Marine,
27 and from the time of his enlisting while still attending Clarkdale

28 Attendance Center to the date of his deployment and eventual
29 untimely death, he served the Marine Corps honorably and proudly,
30 upholding the values of the Marine Corps: honor, courage and
31 commitment; and

32 WHEREAS, remembered as one who aimed high and strived for the
33 best, PFC Mabry put forth his best efforts and put his heart into
34 every endeavor he undertook; and

35 WHEREAS, traveling a path destined for greatness, the
36 leadership traits and strengths exhibited by PFC Mabry, which
37 garnered the recognition and compliments of his drill instructors,
38 were ever prevalent as he led his team while at Ramadi, Iraq,
39 becoming the first of 12 casualties in the unit; and

40 WHEREAS, PFC Mabry made his commitment of faith to God in
41 2002 and faithfully and devotedly attended the Mount Olive Baptist
42 Church, in addition to frequently visiting Living Word Church in
43 Quitman and Rock Hill Baptist Church in Meehan; and

44 WHEREAS, having an adamant love and passion for life and God,
45 PFC Mabry enjoyed the company of his family and friends,
46 traveling, hunting, fishing and participating in and observing all
47 sports; and

48 WHEREAS, a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and
49 friend, PFC Mabry will be sorely missed by those who experienced
50 the depth of his love, commitment and compassion for life and the
51 pursuit of freedom for all, but the legacy of his memory will
52 forever be etched in the hearts and memories of his survivors,
53 including: his father, Louis Mabry, Jr.; mother, Nancy Carter;
54 brother, Louis Mabry III; grandmothers, Frances Mabry and Joyce
55 Harper; six aunts, four uncles, three special cousins, and a host
56 of other relatives and friends; and

57 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
58 recognize and commend excellence in such outstanding
59 Mississippians as evidenced by the life and merits of PFC Mabry,
60 whose gift to this state and nation was the ultimate sacrifice of

61 life in order that others may have the opportunity to experience a
62 life of freedom, peace and prosperity that we as citizens of the
63 great State of Mississippi and these United States of America are
64 privileged to share daily:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
66 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
67 commend the life, services and accomplishments of PFC Christopher
68 Dale Mabry and express our deepest sympathy to his family and
69 friends upon his passing.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
71 furnished to his parents, Louis Mabry, Jr., and Nancy Carter,
72 grandmother, Frances Mabry, and to the members of the Capitol
73 Press Corps.