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Lee (35th), Little, Morgan, Nunnelee, Posey,
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 560

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF FRENCH CAMP
2 POLICE CHIEF ANTHONY LUCAS.

3 WHEREAS, Choctaw County and the State of Mississippi are in
4 shock after a police pursuit ended in the murder of French Camp
5 Police Chief Anthony D. Lucas on Friday, February 4, 2005. As
6 shock turned to grief, the Ackerman Community paid respects to a
7 beloved officer and friend; and

8 WHEREAS, officers gathered to grieve for a man whom by his
9 death at age 32 had worked for the Ackerman Police Department, the
10 French Camp Police, the Choctaw County Sheriff's Department and
11 the Department of Corrections; and

12 WHEREAS, Lucas was killed when a police chase ended with
13 gunfire at a home in Weir, Mississippi. Law officers say Lucas'
14 death hits close to home. It's something that is taken for
15 granted. But law enforcement is a dangerous profession; and

16 WHEREAS, friends say from the time he was a boy, Anthony
17 Lucas dreamed of working in law enforcement. This was what he
18 enjoyed, this is what he loved; it was his lifelong dream; and

19 WHEREAS, Lucas is survived by his wife, Penny, and
20 five-year-old son, Kyle; parents, Brenda and Wendell Lucas
21 (Wendell is a Mississippi Conservation Officer); and sister, Aimee
22 Oakes. Officers in Choctaw County say young Kyle Lucas will
23 always have a proud father smiling down on him; and

24 WHEREAS, Anthony Lucas worked full time as a Parole and
25 Probation Officer for the Mississippi Department of Corrections
26 and had been with the state agency for seven years, and he was an
27 outstanding Corrections Field Officer. Prior to this duty he

28 served as Choctaw County Deputy Sheriff and worked as a Lab
29 Technician and a Wildlife Manager; and

30 WHEREAS, Chief Lucas was a graduate of Ackerman High School
31 and Mississippi State University; the family attended Blythe Creek
32 Baptist Church; and

33 WHEREAS, Anthony was loved in his community, as shown by the
34 outpouring of sympathy, and we join his family and neighbors in
35 mourning for this dedicated Mississippi public servant who loved
36 helping people:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
38 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
39 we do hereby commend the life of French Camp Police Chief Anthony
40 D. Lucas, who was killed in the line of duty on February 4, 2005,
41 and express to his surviving family the sympathy of the
42 Legislature on his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
44 the family of Anthony Lucas and be made available to the Capitol
45 Press Corps.