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To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 575

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND  
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT TIMOTHY R. OSBEY OF MAGNOLIA,  
3 MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS A COMBAT CASUALTY IN IRAQ ON FEBRUARY 16,  
4 2005, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Timothy R. Osbey, of the Sherman Community  
6 near Magnolia, Mississippi, was killed on Wednesday, February 16,  
7 2005, in a vehicle accident while on combat duty in Iraq; and

8 WHEREAS, carried by a military honor guard, he came home to  
9 his community and family with funeral services on Saturday,  
10 February 26, 2005, at Cook's Cemetery, less than a mile from  
11 Sherman M.B. Church where Timothy sang in the choir; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Osbey was assigned to Headquarters Company,  
13 1st Battalion, out of McComb, Mississippi, which is attached to  
14 the 155th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which includes 3,500  
15 soldiers from Mississippi and others from Vermont and Arkansas.  
16 He was one of two Mississippi Army National Guard soldiers to die  
17 in the same accident; Timothy, along with Specialist Joseph Andrew  
18 Rahaim of Meridian, Mississippi, were the third and fourth members  
19 of the unit to die in Iraq; and

20 WHEREAS, Timothy is the 24th soldier or sailor with  
21 Mississippi ties to die in the war in Iraq; and

22 WHEREAS, during his funeral, Specialist Osbey was awarded the  
23 Bronze Star and the Mississippi Medal of Valor posthumously by  
24 Major General Harold Cross, Adjutant of Mississippi; and

25 WHEREAS, Sergeant Osbey is the eighth Mississippi National  
26 Guard soldier to give his life in Iraq; and

27           WHEREAS, Timothy had married Marie Dickenson Osbey shortly  
28 before leaving for Iraq. He was the father of a 9-year-old  
29 daughter, Saderia; and

30           WHEREAS, Sergeant Osbey was born September 25, 1975, in Baton  
31 Rouge, Louisiana. He was the son of Sherry Osbey and Eugene Crier  
32 of Osyka, Mississippi. He was a member of Sherman M.B. Church and  
33 its male chorus; and

34           WHEREAS, he is survived by his parents; his wife, Marie  
35 Dickerson Osbey of Osyka, Mississippi; a daughter, Saderia Osbey  
36 of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; a sister, K. Michelle Osbey of Osyka,  
37 Mississippi; a brother, Tonio Osbey of Osyka, Mississippi; his  
38 mother-in-law, Hilda Dickerson of Osyka, Mississippi; four nieces,  
39 three nephews and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and special  
40 friends; and

41           WHEREAS, his family has received an outpouring of grief and  
42 support from across the state, demonstrating the community's  
43 acknowledgment of the sacrifice made by the Mississippi National  
44 Guard; and

45           WHEREAS, to a country, a fallen soldier means a national  
46 loss; to a community, a fallen soldier means a true hero; to a  
47 parent, a fallen soldier means a son who won't be coming home.  
48 Mississippians understand the costs of conflict because we have  
49 paid them in the past, and it is with great pride and humility  
50 that we recognize the heroic action of this great American and  
51 Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization as we know it  
52 today:

53           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
54 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
55 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of  
56 Sergeant Timothy R. Osbey of the Sherman Community near Magnolia,  
57 Mississippi, who was killed in action in Iraq on Wednesday,  
58 February 16, 2005, and extend the thoughts and prayers of the  
59 Legislature to his family and our sorrow on his passing.

60           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
61 the surviving family of Sergeant Osbey and be made available to  
62 members of the Capitol Press Corps.