

By: Senator(s) Harden, Frazier, To: Rules
 Albritton, Brown, Browning,
 Burton, Butler, Carmichael,
 Chaney, Dearing, Gordon, Hewes,
 Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd),
 Jordan, King, Kirby, Lee (35th),
 Little, Mettetal, Morgan,
 Pickering, Posey, Ross, Simmons,
 Thames, Thomas, Walls, White,
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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

1 A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND COMMENDING
 2 THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES ARMY STAFF SERGEANT SCOTTIE LEE BRIGHT
 3 OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS KILLED IN IRAQ ON TUESDAY, JULY
 4 5, 2005, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE.

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Scottie Lee Bright, 36, of Jackson,
 6 Mississippi, was killed on Tuesday, July 5, 2005, when an
 7 enemy-improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV (Heavy
 8 Mobility Maneuverable Wheel Vehicle) during patrol operations in
 9 Baghdad, Iraq. The blast also claimed the life of Corporal Lyle
 10 Cambridge, 23, of Shiprock, New Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant Bright was assigned to the Third Squadron,
 12 3rd ACR (Armored Cavalry Regiment) out of Fort Carson Military
 13 Reservation near Colorado Springs, Colorado; and

14 WHEREAS, carried by a military honor guard, he came home to
 15 his community and family, and will be buried on Saturday, July 16,
 16 2005, at Autumn Woods Cemetery in Jackson, Mississippi. During
 17 his funeral, Sergeant Bright will be awarded the Purple Heart and
 18 the Mississippi Medal of Valor; and

19 WHEREAS, since operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan, 36
 20 soldiers or sailors with Mississippi ties have been killed, and
 21 the regiment at Fort Carson has lost 129 soldiers; and

22 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Scottie Lee Bright was born on July
 23 16, 1968, in Jackson, Mississippi. He was the fifth child born to
 24 Blanche Neal Bright and the late Willie Bright, Sr., and he was an
 25 inspiration to his family. He accepted Jesus Christ at an early
 26 age and joined the New Hope Baptist Church. He attended Raines
 27 and Powers Elementary Schools and Enochs Junior High School. Upon
 28 entering Lanier High School, Scottie joined the ROTC and continued

29 with the corp until he graduated in 1986. After graduation,
30 Scottie began work for K&B Toys where he advanced to Manager
31 before leaving the company to join the United States Army. In
32 1990, Scottie met and later married the former Carolyn Hobson.
33 This union formed a strong bond and a family with two beautiful
34 children, Breshay Nicole and Scottie ("BJ"), Jr.; and

35 WHEREAS, Scottie entered the United States Army on October
36 29, 1991. He completed the Basic Combat Training Program at Fort
37 Sill, Oklahoma, and was assigned to Schofield, Hawaii, from 1992
38 to 1994. He was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, from 1994 to 2002.
39 While assigned there, he was sent to Korea from June 2001 to May
40 2002, and in June 2002, Scottie was assigned to Fort Carson,
41 Colorado. He served in Iraq from April 2003 to March 2004, prior
42 to his second deployment which began on February 28, 2005, and
43 ended on July 5, 2005; and

44 WHEREAS, his family received an outpouring of grief and
45 support from across the state, demonstrating the community's
46 acknowledgment of the sacrifice made by this Mississippian; and

47 WHEREAS, Scottie leaves to cherish his memory a loving and
48 devoted wife, Carolyn Hobson Bright; two children, daughter,
49 Breshay Nicole Bright, son, Scottie Lee Bright, Jr., both of Fort
50 Carson, Colorado; a loving mother, Blanche Bright, Jackson,
51 Mississippi; two sisters, Martha Adams and Vanessa Hinds, both of
52 Jackson, Mississippi; three brothers, Edward (Marian) Adams,
53 Chicago, Illinois, Willie (Bobbie) Bright and Robert Bright,
54 Jackson, Mississippi; father-in-law, Jack Robinson, Jackson,
55 Mississippi; godmother-in-law, Myrtle Butler, Jackson,
56 Mississippi; sister-in-law, Katina Collins, Jackson, Mississippi;
57 brother-in-law, Kiven Miner, Jackson, Mississippi; two aunts,
58 Velma Neal and Ruthie (Kitty) Cox, both of Jackson, Mississippi;
59 uncle, Robert Hays, Sr., (who has served as a surrogate father to
60 Scottie since Willie Bright, Sr.'s death); special cousin, Robert

61 Hays, Jr., (whom Scottie regarded as his brother); and a host of
62 other close relatives and friends; and

63 WHEREAS, to a country, a fallen soldier means a national
64 loss; to a community, a fallen soldier means a true hero; to a
65 parent, a fallen soldier means a son who won't be coming home.
66 Mississippians understand the costs of conflict, because we have
67 paid them in the past, and it is with great pride and humility
68 that we recognize the heroic action of this great American and
69 Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization as we know it
70 today:

71 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
72 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby remember the gallant service and
73 commend the life of United States Army Staff Sergeant Scottie Lee
74 Bright of Jackson, Mississippi, who was killed in Iraq on Tuesday,
75 July 5, 2005, and extend the thoughts and prayers of the Senate to
76 his family and our sorrow on his passing.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
78 the surviving family of Sergeant Bright and be made available to
79 the members of the Capitol Press Corps.