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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 502

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND  
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS CORPORAL CLIFTON  
3 BLAKE MOUNCE OF ECRU, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS KILLED IN IRAQ ON  
4 THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2005.

5 WHEREAS, Marine Corporal Clifton Blake Mounce, 22 (he would  
6 have been 23 on July 28), of Ecrú, Mississippi, was killed on  
7 Thursday, July 14, 2005, when the vehicle in which he and another  
8 Marine assigned to Regimental Combat Team 2, 2nd Marine Division,  
9 was struck by an improvised explosive device near Trebil, Iraq;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, carried by a military honor guard, he came home to  
12 his community and family, and was buried in the Ecrú City Cemetery  
13 with full military honors and was awarded the Navy Cross and the  
14 Mississippi Medal of Valor by the Marine Major in charge of  
15 ceremonies; and

16 WHEREAS, since operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan, 37  
17 soldiers or sailors with Mississippi ties have been killed.  
18 Corporal Mounce is the fourth northeast Mississippi soldier to die  
19 in Iraq and the second in less than a month; and

20 WHEREAS, in the Marines, he was known as Corporal Mounce, but  
21 at home, the North Pontotoc High School graduate was brother,  
22 husband, friend and son. He had a great sense of humor, and loved  
23 to fish, hunt and ride dirt bikes; and

24 WHEREAS, Corporal Mounce's parents, Pat and Johnny, said  
25 their son wanted to join the Marines after 9-11. He loved being a  
26 Marine and loved his fellow Marines. When he called home and

27 asked for prayer, he didn't just ask for it for himself, but for  
28 everyone serving; and

29 WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Blake is survived by  
30 Tiffany Mounce, his wife of three years, and he was the oldest of  
31 four siblings: Shea, 18, West, 15 and Nate, 12. Other survivors  
32 include paternal grandparents, Flake and Dorothy Mounce of Ecu;  
33 maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Waymon Horton and the late  
34 Gladys Horton of Ecu; and mother- and father-in-law Keith and  
35 Rhonda Owen of Pontotoc; and

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

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

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
48 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
49 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of  
50 United States Marine Corporal Clifton Blake Mounce of Ecu,  
51 Mississippi, who was killed in Iraq on Thursday, July 14, 2005,  
52 and extend the thoughts and prayers of the Legislature to his  
53 family and our sorrow on his passing.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
55 the family of Corporal Mounce and be made available to the Capitol  
56 Press Corps.