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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 515

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES ARMY STAFF SERGEANT BRIAN LEE
3 FREEMAN OF CALEDONIA, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS KILLED IN IRAQ ON
4 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2005, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE
5 LEGISLATURE.

6 WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Brian Lee Freeman,
7 27, of Caledonia, Mississippi, was killed on Monday, November 7,
8 2005, while on foot patrol southwest of Baghdad, Iraq, one of four
9 Colorado-based soldiers killed by a suicide bomber; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Freeman was a Tank Commander assigned to
11 Troop 1, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment out of Fort
12 Carson, Colorado, part of the Army's Task Force Baghdad; and

13 WHEREAS, carried by a United States Army Honor Guard, he came
14 home to his wife and family and to his community and was buried on
15 Wednesday, November 16, 2005, at the Rowan Cemetery, Caledonia,
16 Mississippi, with full military honors; during the funeral he was
17 awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; and

18 WHEREAS, Sergeant Freeman is the second soldier from the tiny
19 northeast Mississippi town of Caledonia to die in Iraq. Since
20 operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan, at least 40 soldiers or
21 sailors with Mississippi ties have died in action; and

22 WHEREAS, Sergeant Freeman was born June 9, 1978, in Amory,
23 Mississippi; he had lived most of his life in Caledonia, was a
24 graduate of Caledonia High School and was a member of Kolola
25 Springs Baptist Church; and

26 WHEREAS, he joined the Army in 1997 and was an extremely
27 dedicated role model devoted to the younger soldiers. He had

28 planned to re-enlist in the Army and was interested in becoming a
29 career soldier, but his death prevented his plan; and

30 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Leah Freeman of Laurel;
31 his father and mother, Howard Glen and Patricia Mooney Freeman of
32 Caledonia; grandmother, Charlotte Mooney, brother Matthew Freeman,
33 sister, Lisa Nichols, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ronnie and
34 Linda Christian of Laurel, and other family and friends; and

35 WHEREAS, Brian Freeman lived his life committed to our
36 nation's safety and security. To a country, a fallen soldier
37 means a national loss; to a community, a fallen soldier means a
38 true hero; to a parent, a fallen soldier means a son who won't be
39 coming home. Mississippians understand the costs of conflict,
40 because we have paid them in the past, and it is with great pride
41 and humility that we recognize the heroic action of this great
42 American and Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization
43 as we know it today:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
45 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
46 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of
47 United States Army Staff Sergeant Brian Lee Freeman of Caledonia,
48 Mississippi, who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq on Monday,
49 November 7, 2005, and extend the thoughts and prayers of the
50 Legislature to his family and our sorrow on his passing.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
52 the surviving family of Sergeant Freeman and be made available to
53 members of the Capitol Press Corps.