

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

1 A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND COMMENDING
2 THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS CORPORAL DUSTIN J. LEE OF
3 QUITMAN, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN IRAQ ON
4 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS
5 FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

6 WHEREAS, United States Marine Corps Corporal Dustin J. Lee,
7 20, of Quitman, Mississippi, the son of Mississippi Highway Patrol
8 Trooper Jerome Lee and Quitman schoolteacher Rachel Lee, was
9 killed in action on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, from a mortar
10 attack while conducting combat operations against anti-Iraqi
11 forces in the Al Anbar Province, in Fallujah, Iraq, joining an
12 eternal fraternal order of comrades who, like him, gave the
13 ultimate sacrifice of life that others may come to know freedom
14 and democracy as more than a distant dream, but a reality; and

15 WHEREAS, assigned to the Third Recon Battalion, Battery 3rd
16 Platoon, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Corporal Lee was borne by
17 a Marine Honor Guard, upon his final return to his family and to
18 his community; and

19 WHEREAS, an all-American boy who loved life and carried the
20 respect of all in his community, Corporal Lee, for his courageous
21 service and supreme sacrifice, was buried with full military
22 honors, during which time he was posthumously awarded the Navy
23 Cross; and

24 WHEREAS, a Christian who was always fair and looked for the
25 good in people, Dustin joined the Marines after graduating from
26 Quitman High School in 2004; and

27 WHEREAS, since operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan, at
28 least 49 soldiers or sailors with Mississippi ties have paid the

29 most honorable toll of military service with the ultimate
30 sacrifice of life in order that others may have the opportunity to
31 experience a life of freedom; and

32 WHEREAS, sorely missed by those who experienced the depth of
33 his love, commitment and compassion for life and pursuit of
34 freedom for all, the legacy of his memory will forever be etched
35 in the hearts and lives of his survivors, including: father,
36 State Trooper Jerome Lee; mother, Rachel; sister, Madyson;
37 brother, Camryn; aunts; uncles; and many close friends; and

38 WHEREAS, Corporal Lee was a dutiful son who is counted among
39 America's heroes, committed to our nation's safety and security;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, to a country, a fallen soldier means a national
42 loss; to a community, a fallen soldier means a true hero; to a
43 parent, a fallen soldier means a son who won't be coming home; and

44 WHEREAS, Mississippians understand the costs of conflict,
45 because we have paid them in the past, and it is with great pride
46 and humility that we recognize the heroic action of this great
47 American and Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization
48 as we know it today:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
51 remember the gallant service and commend the life of United States
52 Marine Corporal Dustin J. Lee of Quitman, Mississippi, who was
53 killed in action in Iraq on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, and express
54 deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
56 furnished to the family of Corporal Lee and to the members of the
57 Capitol Press Corps.