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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 513

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES ARMY STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT L.
3 LOVE, JR., OF LIVINGSTON, ALABAMA, WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN
4 IRAQ ON DECEMBER 1, 2006, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE
5 LEGISLATURE.

6 WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Robert L. Love,
7 Jr., 28, of Livingston, Alabama, with strong family ties in
8 Meridian, Mississippi, was killed in action on Friday, December 1,
9 2006, when a roadside bomb exploded near his vehicle during combat
10 operations in Ar Ramadi in Iraq; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant Love was assigned to the 16th Engineer
12 Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, out of
13 Giessen, Germany; and

14 WHEREAS, carried by an Army Honor Guard, he returned to his
15 home and to his wife and daughters and to his community. He was
16 buried on Wednesday, December 20, 2006, in the tiny east
17 Mississippi Town of Russell, Mississippi, with full military
18 honors; a memorial service for Sergeant Love was held in Meridian,
19 Mississippi earlier on the same day. During the funeral he was
20 posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and other appropriate medals
21 and Brigadier General Robert Crear (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
22 presented the flag to his widow, Brianna Love, that draped her
23 husband's casket; and

24 WHEREAS, Sergeant Love was a 1996 graduate of Livingston High
25 School, where he played in the band. He immediately enlisted in
26 the Army after graduation and had served eight years. He was a
27 very quiet, serious person who loved his family; and

28 WHEREAS, Sergeant Love is the 47th soldier or sailor with
29 Mississippi ties to die in action since operations began in Iraq
30 and Afghanistan; and

31 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Staff Sergeant Brianna
32 Love of Germany, who met her husband when they both were
33 transferred to Germany; daughters, Brianna Love of Birmingham,
34 Alabama, and Tanessa Love of Germany; parents, Robert and Mary
35 Love of Livingston, Alabama; siblings, Rickitta Thomas and her
36 husband, Mardornnie, of Gainesville, Alabama, Evelyn Ford and her
37 husband, Robert, of Birmingham, and Reginald and Jeremy Love, both
38 of Livingston; grandmother, Annie Williams of Meridian; and aunt,
39 Bobbie Moore of Meridian; and

40 WHEREAS, Robert Love was a loving father who is counted among
41 America's heroes, committed to our nation's safety and security.
42 To a country, a fallen soldier means a national loss; to a
43 community, a fallen soldier means a true hero; to a parent a
44 fallen soldier means a son who won't be coming home.
45 Mississippians understand the costs of conflict, because we have
46 paid them in the past, and it is with great pride that we
47 recognize the heroic action of this great American and
48 Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization as we know it
49 today:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
51 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
52 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of
53 United States Army Staff Sergeant Robert L. Love, Jr., of
54 Livingston, Alabama, who was killed in action in Iraq on Friday,
55 December 1, 2006, and extend the thoughts and prayers of the
56 Legislature to his family and our sorrow on his passing.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 the surviving family of Sergeant Love and be made available to
59 members of the Capitol Press Corps.