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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 529

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES AIR FORCE CAPTAIN KERMIT O.
3 EVANS OF HOLLANDALE, MISSISSIPPI, WHO WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN IRAQ
4 ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2006, AND EXPRESS THE SYMPATHY OF THE
5 SENATE.

6 WHEREAS, United States Air Force Captain Kermit O. Evans, 31,
7 a native of Hollandale in Washington County, Mississippi, was
8 killed in action on Sunday, December 3, 2006, when the U.S. Marine
9 Corps CH-46 helicopter he was riding in made an emergency water
10 landing in western Al Anbar Province, Iraq, along with three other
11 personnel; and

12 WHEREAS, a graduate of Mississippi State University with a
13 degree in chemical engineering, Captain Evans was a Civil Engineer
14 Explosive Ordnance Flight Commander and was the head of the bomb
15 squad at the 27th Civil Engineer Squadron, Cannon Air Force Base,
16 New Mexico, and was deployed with the 332nd Air Expeditionary
17 Wing, Balad Air Base, Iraq. He was killed during his second tour
18 of duty; and

19 WHEREAS, several memorial services were held for Captain
20 Evans, including a service on Thursday, December 7, 2006, at
21 Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he and his wife,
22 Perneathea, lived. They have a 13-month-old son, Kermit, Jr. A
23 second memorial service was held on Saturday, December 9, 2006, at
24 Simmons High School in his hometown of Hollandale. Carried by an
25 Air Force Honor Guard, Captain Evans was laid to rest on Tuesday,
26 December 12, 2006, in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia with
27 full military honors. During the funeral, he was awarded
28 appropriate military honors for fallen soldiers. Another memorial

29 service was held on December 14, 2006, at Cannon Air Force Base in
30 Clovis, New Mexico, where Captain Evans was commissioned as a
31 Captain in 2005; and

32 WHEREAS, Captain Evan's parents are both retired teachers,
33 whose honor student son earned a degree and joined the U.S. Air
34 Force. Their son graduated third in his class from Simmons High
35 School in Hollandale in 1993, where he was a Coca-Cola Scholar and
36 member of the 4-H Club, and expressed an interest in the Air Force
37 at an early age. As a Mississippi State student, he worked at
38 Radio Shack in Columbus, Mississippi, and at Georgia-Pacific in
39 Crossett, Arkansas, was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Fraternity
40 and participated in all sports. He enlisted in the Air Force in
41 August 2001 and was promoted to Captain in November 2005. Captain
42 Evans was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq. He had
43 received orders to return to Cannon Air Force Base in January and
44 be redeployed; and

45 WHEREAS, since operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan, 46
46 soldiers or sailors with Mississippi ties have died in action; and

47 WHEREAS, Kermit is survived by his wife, Perneathea, and
48 young son, Kermit, Jr.; his parents, Charles and Margaret Evans of
49 Hollandale; his brother, Kervin O. Evans; and many close friends;
50 and

51 WHEREAS, Kermit Evans was a loving father who is counted
52 among America's heroes, committed to our nation's safety and
53 security. To a country, a fallen soldier means a national loss;
54 to a community, a fallen soldier means a true hero; to a parent, a
55 fallen soldier means a son who won't be coming home.

56 Mississippians understand the costs of conflict, because we have
57 paid them in the past, and it is with great pride and humility
58 that we recognize the heroic action of this great American and
59 Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization as we know it
60 today:

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
62 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
63 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of
64 United States Air Force Captain Kermit O. Evans of Hollandale,
65 Mississippi, who was killed in action in Iraq on Sunday, December
66 3, 2006, and extend the thoughts and prayers of the Legislature to
67 his family and our sorrow on his passing.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution be presented to
69 the surviving family of Captain Kermit O. Evans and be made
70 available to the Capitol Press Corps.