

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 605

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE MILITARY SERVICE AND
2 COMMENDING THE LIFE OF FORMER MASTER SERGEANT AND IRAQ COMBAT
3 VETERAN WILLIAM CRAIG REID OF MONTICELLO, MISSISSIPPI, AND
4 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant William Craig Reid, 48, of
6 Monticello, Mississippi, died on March 1, 2007, as a result of
7 injuries in a motor vehicle accident; and

8 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Reid enlisted in the Mississippi
9 National Guard on March 10, 1977. He began working full time for
10 the National Guard under the Active Guard and Reserves Program on
11 June 13, 1985; and

12 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Reid was deployed to Desert Storm in
13 December 1990, and Operation Iraqi Freedom in July 2004. Master
14 Sergeant Reid was deployed to Iraq in January 2005 and returned
15 home in December 2005; and

16 WHEREAS, while deployed, he received the Iraqi Campaign Medal
17 (with M device), Army Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon,
18 Mississippi War Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the
19 Mississippi Magnolia Cross and the Bronze Star Medal; and

20 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Reid accomplished many milestones
21 while serving in various leadership roles throughout the Army
22 National Guard; and

23 WHEREAS, he was an active member of the Monticello Baptist
24 Church, where he served as a Deacon. His compassion and concern
25 for children and the lost led him to start an Operation Christmas
26 Child Relay Center at his church; and

27 WHEREAS, Craig is survived by his wife of 27 years, Susan;
28 three children, Matthew of Tupelo, and Julie and Andrew of

29 Monticello; grandson, Parker Landrum of Monticello; three
30 brothers, Dr. Rusty Reid and Skip Reid, both of Monticello, and
31 Phillip Reid of Brookhaven. He was preceded in death by his
32 parents, Cannon and Tommie Reid; and

33 WHEREAS, carried by an Army Honor Guard, he was buried with
34 full military honors on March 4, 2007; and

35 WHEREAS, William Reid was a loving father and husband who is
36 counted among America's heroes, committed to our nation's safety
37 and security. To a country, a fallen soldier means a national
38 loss; to a community, a fallen soldier means a true hero.

39 Mississippians understand the costs of conflict, because we have
40 paid them in the past, and it is with great pride and humility
41 that we recognize the heroic service of this great American and
42 Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization as we know it
43 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 military service and commend the life of
47 United States Army Master Sergeant William Craig Reid of
48 Monticello, Mississippi, and extend the thoughts and prayers of
49 the Legislature to his family and our sorrow on his passing.

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