

By: Senator(s) Carmichael, Burton, Browning, To: Rules
Mettetal, King

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 639

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

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; and

12 WHEREAS, Corporal Lee was assigned to the Third Recon
13 Battalion, Battery 3rd Platoon, II Marine Expeditionary Force; and

14 WHEREAS, carried by a Marine Honor Guard, he returned to his
15 family and to his community. He was buried with full military
16 honors, and during the funeral he was awarded the Navy Cross; and

17 WHEREAS, Corporal Lee was an all-American boy who loved life
18 and was very popular in his community. His friends stated that he
19 always knew that he wanted to serve his country; and

20 WHEREAS, Dustin had joined the Marines after graduating from
21 Quitman High School in 2004. His family said that he led a
22 Christian life, was always fair and always looked for the good in
23 people; and

24 WHEREAS, since operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan, at
25 least 49 soldiers or sailors with Mississippi ties have died in
26 action; and

27 WHEREAS, he is survived by his father, State Trooper Jerome
28 Lee; mother, Rachel; sister, Madyson; brother, Camryn; aunts;
29 uncles; and many close friends; and

30 WHEREAS, Dustin Lee was a dutiful son who is counted among
31 America's heroes, committed to our nation's safety and security.
32 To a country a fallen soldier means a national loss; to a
33 community, a fallen soldier means a true hero; to a parent a
34 fallen soldier means a son who won't be coming home.

35 Mississippians understand the costs of conflict, because we have
36 paid them in the past, and it is with great pride and humility
37 that we recognize the heroic action of this great American and
38 Mississippian, who was the guardian of civilization as we know it
39 today:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
41 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
42 we do hereby remember the gallant service and commend the life of
43 United States Marine Corporal Dustin J. Lee of Quitman,
44 Mississippi, who was killed in action in Iraq on Wednesday, March
45 21, 2007, and extend the thoughts and prayers of the Legislature
46 to his family and our sorrow on his passing.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
48 the surviving family of Corporal Lee and be made available to the
49 Capitol Press Corps.