

By: Representative Currie

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND COMMENDING
2 THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PATROLMAN JAMES KEVIN WHITE, OF THE
3 BROOKHAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHO WAS LOST IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON
4 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018, AND EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO HIS
5 FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

6 WHEREAS, it is written in II Corinthians 4:17-18, "For our
7 light affliction, which is but for a moment, worked for us a far
8 more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at
9 the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen:
10 for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which
11 are not seen are eternal," and as such, the immaculate author and
12 finisher of our soul's destiny summoned the mortal presence of
13 dearly beloved, James Kevin White, to rest eternally, as he has
14 made life's final transition from earthly travailing to heavenly
15 reward, rendering great sorrow and loss to his family and friends;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the community of Brookhaven, Mississippi, lost a
18 wonderful friend, true public servant and decorated United States
19 Army veteran with the passing Patrolman James Kevin White on



20 Saturday, September 29, 2018, in service to the citizens of
21 Brookhaven, and there is now a hush in our hearts as we come
22 together to pay our respects to the memory of one who has been
23 called to join that innumerable heavenly caravan; and

24 WHEREAS, Patrolman White, a native of the community known as
25 the "Home Seeker's Paradise," was born on July 7, 1983, to James
26 Darrell White and Laurie Maxwell White, and possessed a zeal for
27 life that was complimented by his personal determination to do his
28 best in any endeavor undertaken, whether in the aid and assistance
29 of others or the betterment of himself, which was made evident in
30 his joining the Mississippi Army National Guard and subsequent
31 tour of duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he earned a
32 Purple Heart; and

33 WHEREAS, Patrolman White, who had previously worked with the
34 Brookhaven Police Department before returning in June 2015 after a
35 stint with the Monticello Police Department, was a man of integral
36 character dedicated to the cause of serving others who did not
37 cower in fear when facing the most adverse of conditions, and
38 valiantly assumed the selflessness of a hero when using his life
39 as a shield to protect the lives of others through the payment of
40 the ultimate sacrifice; and

41 WHEREAS, having extended himself to persevere above and
42 beyond the call of duty, honor and loyalty to the United States,
43 which he so fervently held sacred throughout the performance of
44 his duties and Mississippi sworn law enforcement officer,



45 Patrolman White was posthumously honored with the Medal of Valor
46 by Governor Phil Bryant; and

47 WHEREAS, an officer and a gentleman who has laid down his
48 flag and staff of battle to unite with the legions of Heaven's
49 guardians, Patrolman White will be sorely missed by those who
50 experienced the depth of his love, commitment and compassion for
51 life and pursuit of freedom for all, but the legacy of his memory
52 will forever be etched in the hearts and memories of his
53 survivors, including: his father, James Darrell White; mother,
54 Laurie Maxwell White; stepfather, Steve White; sons, James Curtis
55 "J.C." White and James "Lee" Edward White; fiancé, Elizebeth "Liz"
56 Howell; siblings, Lisa "Wese" White and Trey McBlair; special
57 honorary brother, Dustin Vanderslice; stepsister, Leslie Kelly;
58 stepbrother, Yaun White; nieces and nephews, Holly, Leiana,
59 Colton, Sidnie, Stevie, Maggie and Hannah; grandparents, Curtis
60 and Nadine Maxwell and Margaret Pitre; and a host of other
61 relatives, friends and brothers and sisters in uniform; and

62 WHEREAS, counted among Mississippi's and Brookhaven's heroes,
63 committed to our national and local safety and security, the State
64 of Mississippi shares the sentiment that to a country, a fallen
65 officer means a national loss; to a community, a fallen officer
66 means a true hero; to a child, spouse or parent, a fallen officer
67 means a loved one who will not be coming home; and

68 WHEREAS, we encourage the family to find solace from the
69 overwhelming sadness created by the earthly departure of their



70 beloved family member and be renewed in their faith that Patrolman
71 White fulfilled the purpose of his appointed time in adherence to
72 the commandment of II Timothy 4:7, by having "fought a good fight,
73 finishing his course and keeping the faith until the hour of his
74 departure was at hand"; and

75 WHEREAS, Mississippians understand the costs of conflict,
76 because we have paid them in the past, and it is with great pride
77 and humility that we recognize the heroic action of this great
78 American and Mississippian, as evidenced by the life and merits of
79 Patrolman White, whose gift to this nation and state was the
80 ultimate sacrifice of life in order that peace and prosperity
81 abound for all citizens of the great State of Mississippi:

82 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
83 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
84 remember the gallant service and commend the life and personal
85 sacrifice of Patrolman James Kevin White of the Brookhaven Police
86 Department, and extend deepest sympathy to his family and friends
87 upon his passing.

88 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
89 furnished to the family of Patrolman White and to the members of
90 the Capitol Press Corps.

