

By: Representatives Currie, Mangold

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

1 A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND COMMENDING  
2 THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CORPORAL WALTER ZACHERY "ZACH" MOAK, 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, Walter Zachery "Zach" Moak, to rest eternally, as  
14 he has made life's final transition from earthly travailing to  
15 heavenly reward, rendering great sorrow and loss to his family and  
16 friends; and

17 WHEREAS, the community of Brookhaven, Mississippi, lost a  
18 wonderful friend, true public servant with the passing Corporal  
19 Walter Zachery "Zach" Moak on Saturday, September 29, 2018, in



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

24 WHEREAS, Corporal Moak, a native of McComb, Mississippi, was  
25 born on October 11, 1986, to Walter Marshall Moak and Vicki  
26 Nations Moak, and graduated from Enterprise Attendance Center  
27 before studying auto-mechanics at Copiah-Lincoln Community  
28 College, and possessed a zeal for life that was complimented by  
29 his personal determination to do his best in any endeavor  
30 undertaken, particularly putting others before himself in service  
31 of his community and fellowman, as evidenced by the sacrifice of  
32 his life in assisting his fellow officer in fulfillment of John  
33 15:13 - "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down  
34 his life for his friends."; and

35 WHEREAS, prior to joining the brothers in blue at the  
36 Brookhaven Police Department in June 2015, Corporal Moak served  
37 with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the Wesson Police  
38 Department and valiantly assumed the selflessness of a hero when  
39 using his life as a shield to protect the lives of others through  
40 the payment of the ultimate sacrifice; and

41 WHEREAS, having extended himself to persevere above and  
42 beyond the call of duty, Corporal Moak was described by Brookhaven  
43 Mayor Joe Cox as "a guardian of our city who served and sacrificed  
44 for a far greater purpose than himself. A courageous man of



45 character who knew God had a calling on his life to serve and  
46 protect others."; 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 who will be led in procession by his grandparents Walter  
50 and Lottie May Moak and Wesley and Letha Mae Nations, Corporal  
51 Moak will be sorely missed by those who experienced the depth of  
52 his love, commitment and compassion for life and pursuit of  
53 freedom for all, but the legacy of his memory will forever be  
54 etched in the hearts and memories of his survivors, including:  
55 his parents, Walter and Vicki Moak; brother, Chris Moak (Savanna);  
56 niece, Avery Moak; nephew, Evan Steed; and a host of other  
57 relatives, friends and brothers and sisters in uniform; and

58 WHEREAS, counted among Mississippi's and Brookhaven's heroes,  
59 committed to safety, security and the preservation of peace, the  
60 State of Mississippi shares the sentiment that to a country, a  
61 fallen officer means a national loss; to a community, a fallen  
62 officer means a true hero; to a child, spouse or parent, a fallen  
63 officer means a loved one who will not be coming home; and

64 WHEREAS, we encourage the family to find solace from the  
65 overwhelming sadness created by the earthly departure of their  
66 beloved family member and be renewed in their faith that Corporal  
67 Moak fulfilled the purpose of his appointed time in adherence to  
68 the commandment of II Timothy 4:7, by having "fought a good fight,



69 finishing his course and keeping the faith until the hour of his  
70 departure was at hand"; and

71 WHEREAS, Mississippians understand the costs of conflict,  
72 because we have paid them in the past, and it is with great pride  
73 and humility that we recognize the heroic action of this great  
74 Mississippian, as evidenced by the life and merits of Corporal  
75 Moak, whose gift to this state was the ultimate sacrifice of life  
76 in order that peace and prosperity abound for all citizens of the  
77 great State of Mississippi:

78 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
79 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
80 remember the gallant service and commend the life and personal  
81 sacrifice of Corporal Walter Zachery "Zach" Moak of the Brookhaven  
82 Police Department, and extend deepest sympathy to his family and  
83 friends upon his passing.

84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
85 furnished to the family of Corporal Moak and to the members of the  
86 Capitol Press Corps.

