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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 559

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF UNITED STATES NAVY SEAMAN FIRST CLASS TRANNIE OSCAR BAKER OF THE HURRICANE COMMUNITY IN PONTOTOC COUNTY WHO WAS LOST AT SEA DURING WORLD WAR II AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE ON THE OCCASION OF THE MEMORIAL CENOTAPH SERVICE IN HIS HONOR.

WHEREAS, a special family and community memorial service was held on December 5, 2010, at the Shady Grove Cemetery near the Hurricane Community in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in honor of United States Navy Seaman First Class Trannie Oscar Baker (February 4, 1923 - September 29, 1944) who was lost at sea during World War II while serving on the tanker Patsu in the Southwest Pacific War Theatre; and

WHEREAS, at this memorial service a cenotaph and veterans marker will be placed in remembrance of the gallant service of Seaman Baker with Dr. Bill Baker, former Pastor of Clinton Baptist Church, presiding as the guest speaker for the service. Trannie was a graduate of the Hurricane High School Class of 1943; and

WHEREAS, Trannie was the son of the late Dunbar and Pearl (Buchanan) Baker of Hurricane; three brothers who preceded him in death: Novel Luke Baker, Shelby Baker and Ralph Baker; and two nephews who also preceded him in death: Rodney Luke Baker and Jimmy Terrell Baker. His surviving family include the following: nephew, Donald Ralph Baker; nieces, Lavera Baker Coker, Sandra Baker Wiesner and Shelia Baker Owen; and one special cousin, Dr. Bill Russell Baker; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and humility that we recognize the heroic action of this great American and Mississippian, whose loss at sea was a national loss and who was a

true hero to his community. Seaman Baker was the guardian of civilization as we know it today:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize the military service of Seaman First Class Trannie Oscar Baker of the Hurricane Community in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, who was lost at sea in the Pacific Theatre during World War II, on the occasion of the cenotaph memorial service held in his honor on Sunday, December 5, 2010, and express our sympathy to his surviving family and thanks for his service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the surviving family of Seaman First Class Trannie Oscar Baker and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
January 27, 2011

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 1, 2011

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES