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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REMEMBERING THE GALLANT SERVICE AND MOURNING THE LOSS OF UNITED STATES MARINE LANCE CORPORAL EDWARD DYCUS OF GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 1, 2012, IN THE HELMAND PROVINCE OF AFGHANISTAN.

WHEREAS, United States Marine Lance Corporal Edward Joe "Man" "Eddie" Dycus, 22, of Greenville, Mississippi, was lost in action on February 1, 2012, in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. Corporal Dycus was guarding a joint operating base; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Dycus was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Dycus was born December 12, 1989, in Greenville, Mississippi, to Randy and Theresa Carol Dycus. He grew up in Greenville and attended Riverside School where he graduated from Riverside High School in 2008. Edward joined the United States Marines in November 2010, and was deployed to Afghanistan on his 22nd birthday, December 12, 2011. Superintendent Larry Green said, "It's always a tragedy when a soldier gives his or her life in the fight for freedom. On the whole, people tend to have more sympathy and empathy for soldiers now than they have in the past." When he came back to visit the school recently, Elizabeth Scrivner, Dycus' sophomore biology teacher, said, "He was wearing his uniform, and his demeanor was one of pride." Western Line School District Superintendent Larry Green organized a candlelight service for Dycus on the school grounds; and

WHEREAS, carried by a Marine Honor Guard, he returned to the family he loved and was buried with full military honors on Thursday, February 9, 2012. He was a great brother and his memory will be celebrated and remembered by his mother, Theresa Carol Dycus; his father, Randy Dycus; his step-father, Franky Drury; his brother, Rodney Lee Frothingham Dycus; three sisters: Stephanie Marie Dycus Johnson (Adam), Laura Elaine Dycus and Martha Carol Agnes Dycus Drury; five nephews: Hayden, Kaution, Ryder, Caleb and Caden; and a host of friends; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan, at least 77 soldiers or sailors with Mississippi ties have died in action. Edward was a loving son who is counted among America's heroes, committed to our Nation's safety and security. To a country, a fallen soldier means a national loss; to a community, a fallen soldier means a true hero; to a parent, a fallen soldier means a son who won't be coming home. Mississippians understand the costs of conflict, because we have paid them in the past, and it is with great pride and humility that we recognize the heroic action of this great American and Mississippian, who 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 remember the gallant service and mourn the loss of United States Marine Lance Corporal Edward Dycus of Greenville, Mississippi, who was lost in action on February 1, 2012, in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan, and extend the thoughts and prayers of a grateful state to his family in honor of their sacrifice and our sorrow on his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to

the surviving family of Corporal Dycus and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
February 15, 2012

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 1, 2012

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES