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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS OF MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF NARCOTICS (MBN) AGENT LEE TARTT OF GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, WHO DIED HONORABLY IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016, AND EXTENDING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE LEGISLATURE TO HIS BEREAVED SURVIVING FAMILY.

WHEREAS, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics Agent Lee Tartt (44) of Grenada, Mississippi, died honorably in the line of duty in a shootout in Tishomingo County on February 20, 2016. Agent Tartt was a law enforcement professional known by his friends and fellow agents for his honesty, courage and loyalty. Three Mississippi Highway Patrol SWAT Officers were also injured in the incident; and

WHEREAS, Agent Tartt was a family man with two children and was well known throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Tartt was the 2011 MBN Agent of the Year, and won the H. Lane Caldwell Award for Valor in 2012. He was a 22-year law enforcement veteran, and had been with MBN since 2000. His former Supervisor, Marshall Fisher, now Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, said he remembers Tartt's

humility when he was named Agent of the Year. "He gave the credit to everyone but himself. His life had meaning and purpose. We must never forget his selfless sacrifice." Tartt ran for Grenada County Sheriff in the 2015 primary; and

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bryant issued a statement referencing that Tartt stood in the gap willingly for the people of his community and his state. Our men and women in law enforcement put themselves in harm's way every hour of every shift. This is a tragic reminder that their willingness to serve can exact the highest price. Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves also sent words of condolence, "Agent Tartt dedicated his life to protecting the people of Mississippi, and his courageous service will not be forgotten"; and

WHEREAS, Tartt was born December 15, 1971, in Grenada to James Perry "Bubby" and Jean Tutor Tartt. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church and earned a degree in Criminal Justice at Delta State University. Lee joined the Grenada Police Department in 1994 and then in 2000, joined the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. Survivors include his wife, Deborah Harbin Tartt; one daughter, Lauren Harbin; one son, Landon Harbin; his father, James P. "Bubby" Tartt of Grenada; one sister, Sara Lynn Tartt (Hank) McKay of Birmingham, Alabama; and a brother, Keith (Sharon) Tartt of Grenada; and

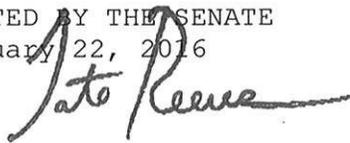
WHEREAS, we can never repay our debt to law enforcement officers and their families, but we must do what we can, with all

that we have, to live our lives in a way that pays tribute to their memory. We should not pause and remember to thank law enforcement officers only in the wake of tragedy, we should do it every day:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby mourn the loss and pay tribute to the life of fallen Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics Agent Lee Tartt of Grenada, Mississippi, who died honorably in the line of duty on Saturday, February 20, 2016, and extend the condolences of the Legislature to his bereaved surviving family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the surviving family of Agent Tartt, forwarded to the Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and the Commissioner of Public Safety, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
February 22, 2016



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 3, 2016



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES