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5 By: Senator Malone  
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## 8 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF PRIVATE LANDON GILES AND  
10 IN RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED  
11 STATES ARMY, THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND HIS LOCAL  
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17 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY,  
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22 WHEREAS, Private Landon Giles of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, died on  
23 Saturday, February 26, 2005, in Abertha, Iraq, when an improvised explosive  
24 device detonated while he was on patrol; and  
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26 WHEREAS, Pvt. Giles was assigned to the Army's 6th Squadron, 8th Cav.  
27 Reg., 4th Bde., 3rd Inf. Div., based at Fort Stewart, Georgia; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Pvt. Giles, a native of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, graduated from  
30 Arkadelphia High School in 2004 and entered the Army in June 2004 as an  
31 indirect fire infantryman; and  
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33 WHEREAS, Pvt. Giles had been in Iraq only a week, but his family,  
34 including his mother, Kim, his sisters, JoAnn and Jennifer, and his  
35 grandmothers, takes comfort in knowing that he died doing what he wanted to  
36 do, which was helping others; and



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2           WHEREAS, Pvt. Giles joined the military during a time of war knowing  
3 the ultimate sacrifice could be his life; and he wanted to help the people of  
4 Iraq because of the human rights violations that had occurred there under  
5 Saddam Hussein; and

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7           WHEREAS, Pvt. Giles was a strong, brave, compassionate, and courageous  
8 young man who, in response to his family's pleas to not join the military,  
9 said it would be better for him to go than for a man with a wife and  
10 children; and he had talked of his desire to make the military his career;  
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13           WHEREAS, Pvt. Giles was an outgoing, humorous, adventurous person, who  
14 was well-liked by classmates in school; enjoyed all kinds of sports,  
15 including baseball, football, soccer, golf, surfing, hiking, and  
16 snowboarding; loved the outdoors and hunting; and was a certified scuba  
17 diver; and

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19           WHEREAS, Pvt. Giles is an American and an Arkansas hero who had a  
20 thirst for life and strong sense of duty; and

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22           WHEREAS, the Senate of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly wishes to  
23 publicly recognize Pvt. Giles' contributions to the United States Army, the  
24 State of Arkansas, and his local community,

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26 NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
28 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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30           THAT the Senate recognizes Private Landon Giles' commitment, hard work,  
31 dedication, and service to the United States Army, the State of Arkansas, and  
32 his local community and commends him for his leadership.

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34           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the Senate hereby  
35 express sincere condolences to the family of Private Landon Giles, and, upon  
36 adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the

1 family of Pvt. Giles by Senator Malone.  
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