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5 By: Representatives Shepherd, Baine

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7 **HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

8 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF FORMER NAVY SEAL JEREMY JASON
9 WISE AND SERGEANT FIRST CLASS BENJAMIN BRIAN WISE,
10 AND IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR SERVICE.

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20 WHEREAS, Jeremy Jason Wise and Benjamin Brian Wise, sons of Dr. Jean
21 and Mary Wise, grew up in El Dorado, Arkansas, along with their brother,
22 Matthew "Beau" Jordan Wise, and sister, Mary Heather Skalesi; and

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24 WHEREAS, Jeremy Wise was born February 20, 1974, and younger brother,
25 Benjamin Wise, was born August 30, 1977; and

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27 WHEREAS, Benjamin Wise entered the Army at the age of 23 in 2000, and
28 Jeremy Wise entered the Navy at the age of 27, shortly after the September
29 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

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31 WHEREAS, both of the brothers achieved membership in elite United
32 States Armed Forces units; Benjamin Wise was a member of the Green Berets and
33 Jeremy Wise was a Navy SEAL; and

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35 WHEREAS, Jeremy Wise was killed in a terrorist attack on a CIA outpost
36 in Afghanistan on December 30, 2009, while serving as a defense security



1 contractor for the CIA; he was 35-years-old; and

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3 WHEREAS, Benjamin Wise died on January 15, 2012, from injuries
4 sustained during an insurgent attack in Afghanistan on January 9, 2012, while
5 he was on his fourth deployment; he was 34-years-old; and

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7 WHEREAS, Jeremy and Benjamin Wise exemplified bravery, dedication, and
8 patriotism as they served our country; and

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10 WHEREAS, Jeremy Wise received the Pistol Marksmanship Medal, Rifle
11 Marksmanship Medal, 2 Sea Service Deployment ribbons, the Global War on
12 Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, 3 Navy and Marine Corps
13 Achievement medals, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal; and

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15 WHEREAS, Jeremy Wise was entered into the CIA's Book of Honor, his star
16 was carved into the CIA's iconic Memorial Wall, and in 2011, the CIA awarded
17 him the Intelligence Star "for extraordinary heroism"; and

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19 WHEREAS, Benjamin Wise was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the NATO
20 Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, 3 Army Good Conduct Medals, the
21 National Defense Service Medal, 3 Iraq Campaign Medals with Bronze Service
22 Stars, 2 Afghan Campaign Medals with Bronze Service Stars, the Global War on
23 Terror Service Medal, 2 Overseas Service Ribbons, 2 Non-commissioned Officer
24 Professional Development Ribbons, the Army Service Ribbon, the Special Forces
25 Tab, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Combat
26 and Special Skill Badge, and the Parachutist Badge; and

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28 WHEREAS, Benjamin Wise was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal,
29 Purple Heart, and Meritorious Service Medal; and

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31 WHEREAS, the two brothers lay in rest, side by side, at the Albert G.
32 Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Virginia; and

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34 WHEREAS, Jeremy Wise is survived by his wife, Dana, and son, Ethan;
35 Benjamin Wise is survived by his wife, Traci, his sons, Luke and Ryan, and
36 his daughter, Kailen; both brothers are survived by their parents, Dr. Jean

1 and Mary Wise, their brother, Matthew "Beau" Jordan Wise, and sister, Mary
2 Heather Skalesi; and

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4 WHEREAS, Jeremy and Benjamin Wise's younger brother, Matthew "Beau"
5 Jordan Wise, joined the Marines in 2008 and still serves our country,

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7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
9 ARKANSAS:

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11 THAT the House of Representatives honors the memory of Jeremy Jason
12 Wise and Benjamin Brian Wise, appreciates their military service and ultimate
13 sacrifice, and extends its sincere condolences to the families of the
14 brothers.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption a copy of this resolution
17 be presented to the families of Jeremy Wise and Benjamin Wise by the Chief
18 Clerk of the House of Representatives.