

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Timothy H. Walker of Colorado Springs.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the Armed Forces, including the United States Army; sadly many of these honored defenders of our nation and its liberties have fallen in battle throughout our country's history; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2008, Staff Sergeant Timothy H. Walker of Headquarters and Headquarters Company 64<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was killed in action while serving his second tour of duty in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, in the years since his enlistment in 1990, Staff Sergeant Walker, a combat medic, received numerous awards and commendations, including a Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars, a Meritorious Service Medal, six Army Commendation Medals, and six Army Achievement Medals; and

WHEREAS, those who best knew Timothy Walker, a native of Fairview, ascribe to him many of those qualities that make not only a fine soldier but a good man as well: caring, dedicated, present, supportive, humble, joyful; and

WHEREAS, in a supreme expression of these noble qualities, Staff Sergeant Timothy Walker gave his life for his country, that its people might enjoy all the fruits of freedom and democracy, and his sacrifice stands as a testament to the power and beauty of these high ideals; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Walker deserves proper recognition and gratitude for this most selfless of acts, and

WHEREAS, a beloved father, husband, son, and brother, Timothy Walker was born in Fairview but lived in Colorado for most of the past ten years. He and his loving wife of almost fifteen years, Dawn J. Walker, lived in Korea for one year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, Staff Sergeant Timothy Walker is survived by two beautiful children, Gregory A. Walker and Madison K. Walker; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Walker will be sorely missed by his mother and stepfather, Barbara G. and Gary L. Shearer, Sr., his sister, Delreana M. Taylor, his nieces, Amanda Stinson and Rebecca Stinson, his father-in-law, Morris G. Holling, his grandfather-in-law, Arthur Bout, his aunt-in-law, Ruth Bout, and his brother-in-law, Daniel Holling; and

WHEREAS, this valiant Tennessee native leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly should pause to remember the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of this exceptional soldier and human being, Staff Sergeant Timothy Walker, whose loss is mourned by a grateful nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Timothy H. Walker, a man of impeccable character, limitless courage, and stalwart commitment to the defense of his Nation as a member of the United States Army, reflecting fondly upon his bravery and dedication to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family, friends, and comrades-in-arms of Staff Sergeant Walker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.