

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 175

By Todd

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Kenneth "Rance" Roby of Chester County.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to honor the life and accomplishments of a courageous member of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth "Rance" Roby was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on February 8, 1983, to Charlie and Sherry Roby, Rance Roby graduated from Chester County High School in May 2001; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and graduated from the United States Marine Corps School of Infantry Marine Combat Training in September 2001; he later graduated from the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program; and

WHEREAS, during his service in the United States Marine Corps, he served as a heavy equipment operator and 1st Force Service Support Group member at Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait; he protected more than 5,000 Marines against enemy missile fire, conducted countless flight line operations, and ensured the survivability, sustainability, and mobility of all 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing units; in 2003, he earned the honorable rank of Corporal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roby received a number of ribbons and commendations, including the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Presidential Unit Citation, Certificate of Commendation, Certificate of Appreciation, and Rifle Marksman Badge; and

WHEREAS, Rance Roby was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the love and support of his parents and his siblings, Randall and Mary Jane, and he was the proud uncle of Hayden; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roby 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, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Kenneth "Rance" Roby, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment 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 of Mr. Roby.

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