

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 474

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sergeant Carson Holmquist, United States Marine Corps, of Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly, like every American, were greatly saddened by the targeted attack upon the U.S. Naval and Marine Reserve Center and recruitment facilities in Chattanooga on July 16, 2015, and the tragic loss of life suffered; and

WHEREAS, this tragedy has touched the hearts and lives of people across the nation, but it is a deeply personal loss to those family and friends who lost a loved one, be they a spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, son, or daughter; and

WHEREAS, the lives of a family from Wisconsin were forever changed on that day when they lost their precious son, Sergeant Carson Holmquist of the United States Marines Corps, who served as part of the Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Holmquist was a diesel mechanic specialist who had served in Okinawa, Japan, and honorably served two tours of duty in 2013 and 2014 as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, born in St. Croix, Wisconsin, Sergeant Carson Holmquist graduated from Grantsburg High School in Grantsburg, Wisconsin, in 2008, and enlisted in the United States Marines Corps in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Holmquist was an avid fisherman and automotive enthusiast who enjoyed the summers he spent working on a Grantsburg, Wisconsin, farm throughout his high school years; and

WHEREAS, a patriotic young man who displayed enthusiasm for every endeavor, Sergeant Carson Holmquist was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal,

Good Conduct Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Holmquist was deeply devoted to his family and always looked for opportunities to provide assistance to those in need; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Jasmine, whom he married in 2012, his son, Allan Wyatt, and his parents, Thomas and La Brenda Holmquist; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Carson Holmquist 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 this General Assembly should remember the tragically short, yet courageous life of this exceptional human being and proud member of the United States Marine Corps; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sergeant Carson Holmquist of the United States Marine Corps, 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 Sergeant Carson Holmquist.

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