

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 938

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Specialist Jeremy Daniel Evans, U.S. Army.

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, we wish to honor a brave and honorable member of the United States Army who lost his life while serving our nation, Specialist (SPC) Jeremy Daniel Evans of Corryton; and

WHEREAS, SPC Evans made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on October 2, 2023, while on duty at the Yukon Training Area in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of the 11th Airborne Division, SPC Evans was stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Evans enlisted in the U.S. Army as a private in 2020, and after graduating from basic training, he was first stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and then assigned to a training rotation in Korea; and

WHEREAS, SPC Evans had many amazing stories of his time in Korea and wrote incredible letters home detailing the antics of his fellow soldiers and describing the scenery in the area; and

WHEREAS, he returned home to marry Sloane Perry on August 4, 2021; the newlywed couple later settled in North Pole, Alaska, where SPC Evans continued his military service; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army recognized Jeremy Evans for his honorable service with the Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War

on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Army Overseas Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, the commanding general of the 11th Airborne Division described the death of SPC Evans as "an incredible loss" and praised his service as an "Arctic Angel"; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Evans and his wife, Sloane, grew up in Corryton and attended Gibbs High School, and they both participated in the school's marching band; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Evans will be fondly remembered as "a blessing in everyone's lives, with his funny, kind-hearted personality"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, SPC Evans is survived by his mother, Angela Evans; sisters, Kathleen Cantrell and Ezree Evans; grandparents, Robert and Candace Beck; several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews; and his in-laws; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Evans's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers, and his country are exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in service of America and stand as an enduring example of the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should remember the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of the late Specialist Jeremy Daniel Evans, whose loss is mourned by a grateful nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Specialist Jeremy Daniel Evans, a man of impeccable character and limitless courage who stalwartly committed himself to the defense of his nation as a member of the United States Army.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Specialist Jeremy Daniel Evans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.