

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 329

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Staff Sergeant
Alexander Scott Lawson, United States Army.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson of Chattanooga, a courageous veteran of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, following in the patriotic tradition for which the Volunteer State is renowned, Alexander Scott Lawson proudly enlisted in the United States Army and served five tours of duty, rendering meritorious service during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Inherent Resolve, before receiving his honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his distinguished military service, Staff Sergeant Lawson was awarded a number of honors, including the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (two awards), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Medal Unit Award (five awards), the Meritorious Unit Commendation (two awards), the Valorous Unit Award, the Component Achievement Medal (two awards), the National Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (two awards), the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the 10 Year Device Bronze Hourglass, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, the NATO Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge; and

WHEREAS, a devoted son and brother, Staff Sergeant Lawson is survived by his mother and stepfather, Mannelta and Monte Tucker; father and stepmother, Ron and Elizabeth Lawson; brother and sister-in-law, Matthew Thomas Lawson and Crystal Lawson; paternal grandfather, Earl Lawson; maternal grandfather, Gorton Thomas; and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, this valiant Tennessean 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, the late Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson, whose loss is mourned by a grateful nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Alexander Scott Lawson, 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, and reflect 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 and friends of Staff Sergeant Lawson.

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